

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

January 3, 2021

2nd Sunday of Christmas
Sunday Before Epiphany

MORNING WORSHIP

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Bread, Bath, & Beyond (believing)

Celebrating & Claiming God's Presence & Promises

GATHERING CALL

Revelation 21:1-6

I heard a loud voice from the throne say,
"Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind.
"¡Mira! La morada de Dios está aquí con la
humanidad!"

God will dwell with them, **and they will be God's**
peoples. God's own Self will be with them
Dios morará con ellos y serán los pueblos de Dios.
El propio Ser de Dios estará con ellos

Then the one seated on the throne said,
"Look! I'm making all things new."
"¡Mira! Estoy haciendo todas las cosas nuevas".

He also said, "Write this down, for these words are
trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and
the end.
Soy el Alfa y la Omega, el principio y el final.

Matthew 2:1-15

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of
Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the
east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn
king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and
we've come to honor him." When King Herod heard this,
he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was
troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and
the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was
to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is
what the prophet wrote: *You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,*
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs, who will
shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called
for the magi and found out from them the time when the
star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem,
saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When
you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and
honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and
look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of
them until it stood over the place where the child
was. When they saw the star, they were filled with
joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary

his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him.
Then they opened their treasure chests and presented
him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because
they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they
went back to their own country by another route. When
the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared
to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child
and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I
tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order
to kill him." Joseph got up and, during the night, took the
child and his mother to Egypt. He stayed there until
Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken
through the prophet: *I have called my son out of Egypt.*

Exodus 25:28-30

The table should be carried with these poles. Make its
plates, dishes, jars, and bowls for pouring drink
offerings. Make them of pure gold. Set the bread of the
presence on the table so it is always in front of me.

Leviticus 24:5-9

You will take choice flour and bake twelve loaves of
flatbread, two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. You
must place them in two stacks, six in a stack, on the
pure table before the LORD. Put pure frankincense on
each stack, as a token portion for the bread; it is a food
gift for the LORD. Aaron will always set it out before
the LORD, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the
Israelites, as a permanent covenant. It will belong to
Aaron and his sons. They must eat it in a holy place
because it is the most holy part of their share of the
LORD's food gifts, a permanent portion.

John 6:25ff

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they
asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here? Jesus
replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not
because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate
all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that
doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life,
which the Human One will give you... They asked,
"What must we do in order to accomplish what God
requires?" Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that
you believe in him whom God sent." They asked, "What
miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe
you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the
wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from*
heaven to eat." Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't
Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my
God our Creator that gives you the true bread from
heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down
from heaven and gives life to the world." They said,
"Sir, give us this bread all the time!" Jesus replied, "I am
the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go
hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be
thirsty..."

Luke 22:19

After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."...

Revelation 2:17

If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. I will give those who emerge victorious some of the hidden manna to eat. I will also give to each of them a stone with a new name written on it, which no one knows except the one who receives it.

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. God will dwell with them, and they will be God's peoples. God's ownself will be with them as their God wiping away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

HOLY COMMUNION

One: *The Lord is with you!*

All: ***And also with you!***

One: *Lift up your hearts!*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord!***

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord!*

All: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise!***

All: ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.***

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

***Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of
The Lord!***

Hosanna in the highest!

Proclamation of our faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ shall come again.

Hallelujah!

NLMCC Song Sheet

Sunday, January 3, 2021

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482751/20125643**OPENING CELEBRATION****Jesus What a Wonderful Child**

C: Jesus Jesus oh what a wonderful child. Jesus Jesus so lowly meek and mild. New life new hope to all He brings; Won't you listen to the angels sing, Glory glory glory To the newborn King.

V: It was heralded by the angels, Born in a lowly manger, The virgin Mary chosen as His mother And Joseph was His earthly father. Three wise men came from afar; They were guided by a shining star To see the baby where He lay In a manger filled with hay (C)

T: New life new hope to all He brings Won't you listen to the angels sing Glory glory glory To the newborn King (3 times)

GATHERING CALLChoral Response: **10,000 Reasons**

C: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, Worship His holy name, Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

V1: The sun comes up it's a New Day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again, Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes (C)

V2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind, For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

V3: And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore (C)

E: Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name Worship

Your holy name Worship Your holy name

WELCOME**LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, & SONG****Mary Had a Baby**

V1: Mary had a baby (my Lord) Mary had a baby (my Lord) Mary had a baby, yes my Lord The people keep coming but the train has gone

V2: What did she name Him? (King Jesus)...

V3: When was He born? (Christmas morning)...

V4: Where did she lay Him? (in a manger)...

V5: Who heard the singing? (the shepherds)...

V6: Why did He come? (to save us)...

PRAYERING TOGETHER

Choral Response:

Bread to the Nations

C: Holy is He holy is He; Make us and break us, As bread to the nations, Willing servants Lord are we. Willing servants Lord unto Thee.

Matthew 2:1-15Choral Response: **We Three Kings**

V1: We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

C: O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect Light

V2: Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. (C)

V3: Glorious now behold Him rise, King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia alleluia, Peals through the earth and skies. (C)

OFFERTORY Mary Did You Know

V1: Mary did you know, That your baby boy Would one day walk on water Mary did you know, That your baby boy Would save our sons and daughters Did you know, That your baby boy Has come to make you new This Child that you delivered, Will soon deliver you

V2: Mary did you know, That your baby boy Would give sight to the blind man Mary did you know, That your baby boy Would calm a storm with His hand Did you know, That your baby boy Has walked where angels trod And when you kiss your little baby, You've kissed the face of God Oh Mary did you know

V3: Oh Mary did you know, That your baby boy Is Lord of all creation Mary did you know, That your baby boy Will one day rule the nations Did you know, That your baby boy Is heaven's perfect Lamb And the sleeping Child you're holding, Is the great I Am

Congregational Response:

Doxology**MORNING MESSAGE****HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Meditation:

Bread of Life

V1: I Am the Bread of Life You who come to me shall not hunger And who believe in me shall not thirst No one can come to me Unless the Spirit beckons R: And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up And I will raise you up on the last day.

V2: The bread that I will give Is my flesh for the life of the world And if you eat of this bread You shall live for ever You shall live for ever. (R)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison**CLOSING SONG****Behold the Star**

C: Behold the star! Behold the star up yonder! Behold the star! It is the star of Bethlehem.

V1: There was no room found in the inn, It is the star of Bethlehem. For Him who was born free from sin. It is the star of Bethlehem. (C)

V2: The wise men travel from the East It is the star of Bethlehem. To worship Him, the "Prince of Peace." It is the star of Bethlehem. (C)

V2: A song broke forth up-on the night. It is the star of Bethlehem. To worship Him, the "Prince of Peace." It is the star of Bethlehem. (C)

BENEDICTION

New Name in Glory

V1: I've got a new name over in glory,
And it's mine, mine, mine.

I've got a new name over in glory,
And it's mine, mine, mine.

V2: I've got a new song...

V3: I've got a new shout...

V4: I've got a new crown...

OUR VISION:

We Are...

ORDINARY PEOPLE

Somos...

PERSONAS REGULAR

Believing...

GOD'S LOVE IS FOR ALL

Creemos...

EL AMOR DE DIOS ES PARA

TODOS

Called To...

REVEAL GOD'S PRESENCE IN

EVERYONE

Llamados...

A REVELAR PRESENCIA DE DIOS

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OUR MISSION:

***We are an inclusive, diverse,
Christ-centered church, in
which you have the freedom to
be who you are, participate in
community, explore spiritual
transformation, and be part of
social action.***