

**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 3, 2021**

**Welcome**

**Litany for Epiphany of the Lord**

- One: Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
- One: Nations will come to his light and rulers will seek his radiance.  
All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
- One: He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.  
All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
- One: The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all.  
All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
- One: Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.  
All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Confession and Pardon**

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon**

The Journey

Rev. Joyce Lieberman

**Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the whole world, saying:

O Christ, our light, **hear our prayers.**

**Offering**

**Chalking the Doors**

*An old Epiphany tradition involves using chalk to write the letters CMB and the current year, separated by a cross, over the doors of congregations and homes (CMB+2021). The letters are said to stand for the Latin phrase Christus mansionem benedicat (Christ bless this house) or for the names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar).*

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**Worship Participants:**

Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Executive and Stated Clerk, Synod of South Atlantic  
Rev. Dr. Chris Lieberman, Honorably Retired, St. Augustine Presbytery  
Litany and prayers: *Book of Common Worship*