

Just one announcement before we begin: The flu season is upon us. In the interest of everyone's good health we will suspend the practice of receiving from the cup.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany – a feast that celebrates Jesus as the Light of the World –the One who is Hope for all people, everywhere.

The Gospel tells of the journey of the magi from the East who followed a star deep into the night, and discovered the new born king of the Jews. Their journey took them from the known to the unknown, from the safe and secure to the edge of royal dangers.

But they followed, for something drew them toward the Messiah and away from Herod, toward the light and away from darkness.

We may know something of those moments in our lives when we feel a certain tug or pull in one direction and away from another for some seemingly unknown reason.... and we follow.

Think about it. In your life today, who or what is your light, giving you direction, offering you hope? Be grateful for that light...and allow that light to shine through you so that you too may be a light for others.

The magi offered Jesus gifts from their treasures. In a famous Christmas song, the little drummer boy thought he had nothing to give so he played his best for Jesus.

May our best be our offering to Jesus this day.