

"Epiphany not only ends Christmas, it also fulfills it by celebrating the revelation of the Christ to the whole world." —C.S. Lewis

"Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the magi journey home and the great star sets, Jesus remains." —C.H. Spurgeon

The King of Glory sends his Son To make his entrance on this earth; Behold the midnight bright as noon, And heavenly hosts declare his birth.

About the young Redeemer's head What wonders and what glories meet! An unknown star arose, and led The eastern sages to his feet.

Simeon and Anna both conspire The infant-Saviour to proclaim; Inward they felt the sacred fire, And blessed the babe, and owned his name.

Let Jews and Greeks blaspheme aloud, And treat the holy child with scorn; Our souls adore the eternal God Who condescended to be born.

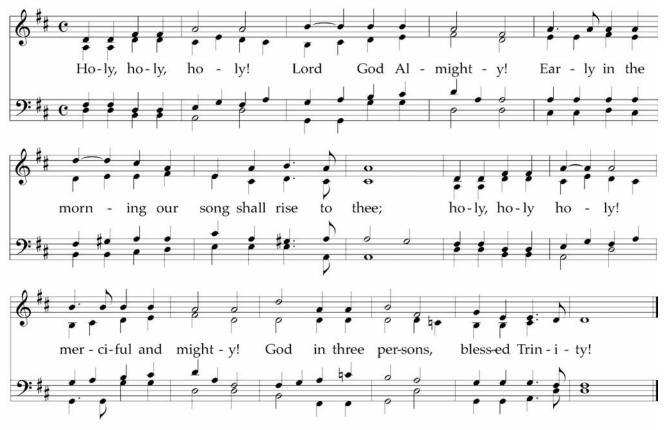
—Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.

Prelude-Holy (Shepherd of My Heart)

Introit—Holy, Holy, Holy



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

Call to Worship—Isaiah 49:8-13

Pastor: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

All: For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

- Reader 1: Thus says the Lord, "In the time of favor I have answered you; in the day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and make covenant with this people.
 Reader 2: Again, the Lord will say to the prisoners, "Come out;" to those who are in darkness, "Appear;" and to the hungry, "Be filled." They shall not hunger or thirst.
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Hymn of Praise—Be Thou My Vision



Text: Rob to mo bhoile, a Comdi cride, Ancient Irish Poem, 8th century, trans Mary Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.

Psalter Reading—Psalm 111:1-10

Elder: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All: Praise the Lord! We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

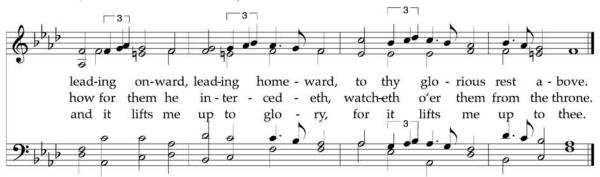
Elder: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

All: His wondrous works we will remember; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

- He provides for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. Elder: He has shown His people the power of His works;
- All: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;
- Elder: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- All: He has established His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- Elder: His praise endures forever!

Hymn of Praise-O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus





Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890.

Hymn of Promise—Isaiah 43



Text: Isaiah 43, Anonymous; Music: ANONYMOUS.

The Reading of the Word—Luke 2:22-38

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Angels We Have Heard on High



Text: Traditional French Carol. Music: Traditional French Melody.

Sermon—The Light Has Come

—George Grant, Pastor

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

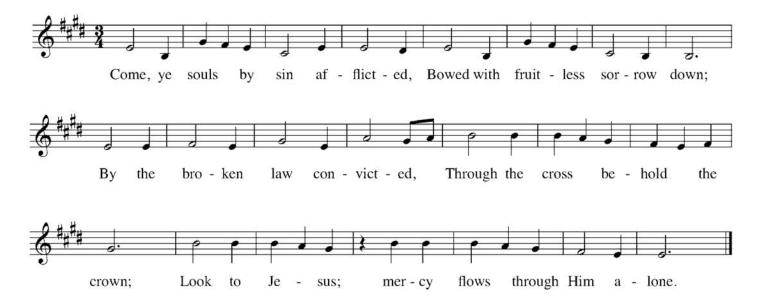
Corporate Confession of Sin-Romans 7: 14-25

- Pastor: Lord we come confessing, for we know that the Law is spiritual, but we have lived according to the flesh, as those sold under sin. We do not even understand our own actions.
- All: For we do not do what we want, but we do the very things we hate.
- Pastor: We know that nothing good dwells in us, that is, in our flesh.
- All: For we have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. Though we delight in the Law of God, in our inner beings, we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our minds, making us captives to the law of sin that dwells in us.
- Pastor: Wretched man that I am! Wretched men and women that we all are! Who will deliver us from these bodies of sin and death?
- All: Thanks be to God for the appearance of Jesus Christ our Lord! He, and He alone, can deliver us.

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 1:16-17

The hope of Christ has been revealed. Therefore, we are not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the very righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sung Response-Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted, Vs 1



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GOD BESTOWS ON AND TO HIS PEOPLE THE HEAVENLY GIFT-EUCHARISTO

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit;

The one holy Church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sursum Corda

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Elder: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

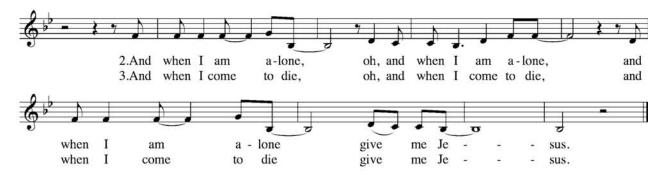
Elder: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread and dip it either in the cup of wine or grape juice. Elders and their wives are available for prayer in the front after communion.

Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus





Text and Music: African-American Spiritual.

Hymn of Reflection—Glorious Christ



Text and Music: Tim Coyle, $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ Tim Coyle

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Epiphany—The First Noel

Although usually associated with Christmas, this carol is really a hymn for Epiphany as the lyrics tell the story of the Wise Men as they bring their gifts to the Christ Child.



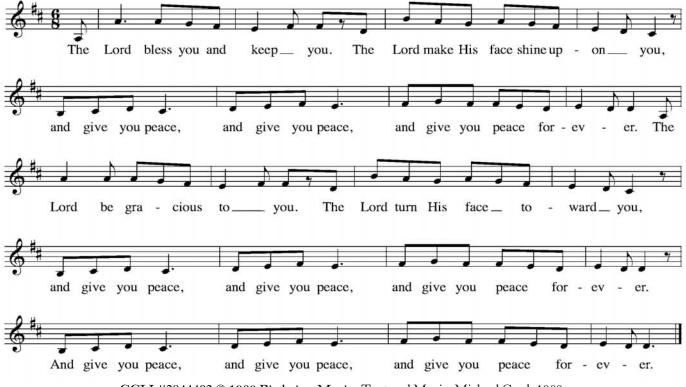
Text and Music: Traditional English Carol, 13th c.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction

Sung Response-Barocha (Numbers 6:24)



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Announcements

Epiphany

The celebration of Epiphany is the culmination of what is traditionally called the Twelve Days of Christmas. The word literally means "revelation" or "sudden unveiling" or "manifestation."

The day, which historically has been celebrated with as much joy as Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, commemorates the day when wise men from the East were conducted by a miraculous star to the nativity in Bethlehem. The Magi were thus the first to comprehend that Jesus was not merely the prophetic fulfillment of Jewish aspirations since the beginning of time. Instead, He was the hope of the world, the light of the world, and the joy of every man's desiring. They beheld the very glory of God that day—for in the city of David, the Savior was born.

As a result, Epiphany is the celebration of the ultimate proclamation of good news. Good news, indeed.

Resources for Family Worship

The following Scripture readings and resources are presented here to help prepare your hearts and the hearts of your children for worship throughout the week and for next Sunday.

Epiphany Readings:

Sunday, January 4—Matthew 2:1-8 The wise men come from the East and meet with Herod.
Monday, January 5—Matthew 2:9-23 (Twelfth Night) The wise men present gifts to the Christ child and are warned of Herod's plot.
Tuesday, January 6—Isaiah 49:1-17 (Epiphany)

The gift of the Savior is for all peoples.

Westminster Confession: Chapter XIV

I. The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

II. By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

III. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Next Sunday: Bing Davis will serve us in opening the Word of Truth

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