

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY



## Preparation for Worship

The whole life of Christ was a continual Passion;  
 others die martyrs but Christ was born a martyr.  
 He found a Golgotha even in Bethlehem,  
 where He was born;  
 for to His tenderness then  
 the straws were almost as sharp  
 as the thorns after,  
 and the manger as uneasy at first as His cross at last.  
 His birth and His death were but one continual act,  
 and His Christmas Day and His Good Friday  
 are but the evening and morning  
 of one and the same day.  
 And as even His birth is His death,  
 so every action and passage that manifests Christ to us  
 is His birth, for Epiphany is manifestation.

— John Donne (1572-1631)

*Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Our word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. In this “manifestation,” light and illumination are a reoccurring theme, reflected today in the liturgy.*

## God Calls Us to Worship | Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

***Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.***

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

***Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun.***

## Prayer of Adoration concluding with

**Almighty Lord God,**

**You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:**

**We praise and magnify Your holy name that in Him**

**You have revealed the wonder of Your saving love to all people.**

**With those of old who brought their tribute to His feet,**

**confessing Him as King of heaven and earth,**

**we now present the worship of our grateful hearts,**

**asking You to give us grace to give ourselves to You,**

**through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Text and music: Edmund Hamilton Sears and Richard Storrs Willis

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth good will to men  
From heaven's all-gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

Still thro' the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing

And ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow

Look now for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong  
And man at war with man hears not  
The love song which they bring  
O hush the noise ye men of strife  
And hear the angels sing

## We Listen to God's Word | Matthew 11:25-30

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## We Confess Our Sins

*Almighty and merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against You and one another  
in both our actions and our inactions.  
We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,  
yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.  
Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us  
the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.  
Illumined by Your Word and sacrament,  
may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.*

**SILENT CONFESSION** *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God!***

## Christus Victor (Amen)

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O Most High King of the ages  
Great I AM God of wonders  
By the blood You have redeemed us  
Led us through mighty waters  
Our strength our song our sure salvation

**Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power  
For the battle You have won  
Hallelujah Amen**

O Most High dwelling among us  
Son of man sent for sinners  
By Your blood You have redeemed us  
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior  
Who lived who died who rose victorious

**Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power  
For the battle You have won  
Hallelujah**

**With every tribe and every tongue  
We join the anthem of the angels  
In the triumph of the Son  
Hallelujah Amen**

O Most High King of the nations  
Robed in praise crowned with  
splendor  
On that day who will not tremble  
When You stand Christ the Victor  
Who was and is and is forever

Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen

Sing the victory of the Lamb  
Hallelujah Amen Amen

## We Ask for God's Help

### We Confess Our Faith | Nicene Creed (325 AD)

***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.***

***And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.***

***I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.***

***Amen.***

*\* The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and this expanded form was adopted at Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D.*

### We Greet Others with Peace | Colossians 1:19-20

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***And also with you!***

***TrinityKids:*** During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.

### We Are Changed By God's Word | 1 Kings 19:9-18

[9] There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [10] He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." [11] And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before

the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12] And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. [13] And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” [14] He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” [15] And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. [16] And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. [17] And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. [18] Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**“In the Whisper” | Rev. Nathan Duke**

Sermon in a sentence: God reveals Himself to us as He truly is, and not how we design Him to be.

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2. God's \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Our \_\_\_\_\_

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## We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: ***give.trinityowasso.com***
2. Church Center app
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*Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.*

***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

## We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Lift up your hearts!

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

It is right and good and a joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks  
unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and  
archangels, and with all the company of  
heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious  
name; evermore praising You, and singing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Text: English carol, 18th cent. | Music: GOD REST YOU MERRY; English melody, 18th cent.

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father,  
a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name,  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel,  
“let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's pow'r and might.”  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings  
rejoiced much in mind,  
and left their flocks a-feeding,  
in tempest, storm, and wind,  
and went to Bethlehem straightway,  
the Son of God to find.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

# Behold the Lamb of God

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive | Laura Story, © 2019 Laura Stories; New Spring; Junkbox Music, CCLI#11123140

We who walk in darkness deep  
Now see the light of morning  
The mighty God the Prince of Peace  
child to us is born

**Behold the Lamb of God  
Who takes away our sin  
Behold the Lamb of God  
The life and light of men  
Behold the Lamb of God  
Who died and rose again  
Behold the Lamb of God  
Who comes to take away our sin**

Wand'ers in the wilderness  
Oh hear a voice is crying  
Prepare the way make straight the path  
Your king has come to die

Son of God (Emmanuel)  
Son of Man (we praise you)  
Behold the Lamb  
The hope of man  
Behold the Lamb

## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Heavenly Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be, and abide upon you all, both now and forever.

## We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

***Thanks be to God!***

## Community Group and Family Questions:

*The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Remember, these questions are just a starting point. Feel free to adapt them to the specific needs and interests of your family worship times and/or community group.*

1. How would your relationship with God change if He did everything you wanted every time you wanted it?
2. Are "gentle" and "lowly" (the ways Jesus describes himself) attributes that you would use to describe yourself? How do you struggle to be gentle and lowly in your life?
3. Which attributes of God do our church culture reflect? What attributes of God could we do better at practicing and demonstrating to others?



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### Trinity Women:

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### Trinity Men:

DATE CHANGE: January 31:  
Men's Breakfast at The Grove

### Guest Preacher:

February 1: Dr. Tom Gibbs,  
President of Covenant Theological  
Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

**Deacon on Duty this Sunday:** Mark Freeman

### ROOTED New Members' Class:

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00PM-4:00PM  
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