



Epiphany of Our Lord
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PRELUDE / PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:

for the star that led the magi to the manger,

that the nations may see the light of Christ;

for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,

that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,

that the Christ would save us all.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us, **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, ✚ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* #308
(vs. 1- 3, 6)

GREETING

God who sent the Light into the world, God who shone in the Bethlehem manger, God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Lappin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Pastor Karen Hofstad

SERMON SONG

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lead us, O God: lead us by your light.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE	<i>“Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful”</i>	#184
OFFERING PRAYER		
GREAT THANKSGIVING		p. 107
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY		p. 108
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
LORD’S PRAYER		
COMMUNION SONG	<i>“Lamb of God”</i>	p. 112
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION		
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. Amen.		
SENDING SONG	<i>Bright and Glorious is the Sky (vs. 1-5)</i>	#301
DISMISSAL		
Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ. Thanks be to God.		
POSTLUDE		

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