

**Epiphany of Our Lord
Worship Service
January 5– 9:00 a.m.**

Prelude

Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

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

P: God-with-us,

C: *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.*

P: Hear the good news and rejoice...forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn:

“As With Gladness Men of Old” (ELW #302)

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *And also with you.*

Kyrie Eleison: (Lord Have Mercy) Tune: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (ELW #276)

Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us

Christ have mercy on us
Christ have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.

Canticle of Praise: Tune: “The First Noel” (ELW #300)

Sing glory to God, and peace on earth.
We sing glory to God in the highest.
We worship you, we give you thanks.
We praise you for your glory Lord.
Sing Glory to God, and peace on earth.
Glory to God in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 (NRSVue)

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son.

² *May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.*

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ *May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.*

⁵ May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ *May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.*

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ *May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.*

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation: Tune: “Creator of the Stars at Night” (ELW #245)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare our hearts, our minds, our souls.
To hear your word, to know your truth, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSVue)

Response before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Arise, Your Light Has Come” (ELW #314)

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Apostles Creed (ELW p. 127)

Prayers of Intercession: God of grace, *receive our prayer.*

Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

Offering

Offering Prayer: Let us pray.

C: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving: Tune: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” ELW 295

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Preface: “Christmas Preface”

Holy, Holy, Holy: Tune: “In the Bleak Midwinter” (ELW 204)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer: (ELW p. 208)

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion: Let us pray. Faithful God,

C: you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Benediction:

P: The God of love, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

”Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy:
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (*Chorus*)

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me (*Chorus*)

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Sending

Dismissal:

P: We go out into the world

C: *sharing the love of God, spreading the Word of God, and serving the children of God.*

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude

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