



THE SEASON OF **epiphany**

WELCOME

Welcome to the **NOON SERVICE!** We are an informal, liturgical

community of faith and struggle. We seek an authentic expression of the ancient Christian faith for the modern world. We welcome questions and doubts, believe in justice and mercy for all, long for a world free from hatred, hunger and despair and follow Jesus into loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God.

All are welcome to participate in this service, including children.

NURSERY CARE is also available (*nursery is down the stairs and to the left*). Once a month, we have Brunch Church. We'd love to have you join us!

The liturgical season of **EPIPHANY** is a time when the church celebrates Jesus as the manifestation of God in the flesh. Each Sunday's gospel reading in this season will reflect that revelation of God among us. For the Magi, the journey to find God began following a wandering star. For Peter and Andrew it was being called by name at the sea of Galilee. The Epiphany wakes us up, expands our minds, and commissions us. We are each called to make God known in our time. We invite you to reflect about how God is being revealed in your life this day.

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The People's responses are in **bold**.

Gathering Song

Opening Acclamation

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us!

Gloria

Refrain

1
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2
in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

*(The Celebrant reads the collect of the day and the people respond with **Amen**).*

Readings

A Reading from _____ .

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

(please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____ .

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

after the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Community Reflection on The Word

In community, we share our thoughts and reflections on scripture; we use the microphone as our talking stick and as a way to make sure all can hear what is being shared.

This is a multi-generational community, all comments should be shared in a manner appropriate for all ages to listen to, especially being respectful of children in the room. We ask that you speak for yourself with awareness of the impact your words have on others. What is often shared in our community is vulnerable and beautiful—we ask that you be respectful of not sharing other people's stories. Examine your own assumptions and perceptions. Be sensitive to differences in communication and cultural styles. Tolerate ambiguity and difference; examine your own assumptions and perception; be sensitive to differences in communication and cultural styles. Listening is a spiritual act—sometimes we are called to just listen in to the conversation.

Affirmation of Faith

Hear O my people, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

This is the first and great commandment.

**The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of the People

In peace we pray to you, O God:

Light of peace, in the name of Christ, who came as light for the world,
we pray for the faithful who seek the light of true community on earth.

(moment of silence)

God, in your love,
Hear our prayer.

Light of justice, in the name of Christ, we pray for the persecuted who suffer
for reasons of gender or race, faith or politics.

(moment of silence)

God, in your love,
Hear our prayer.

Light of hope, in the name of Christ, who was born in a stable,
we pray for those who are in need of shelter, food, and meaningful work.

(moment of silence)

God, in your love,
Hear our prayer.

Light of compassion, in the name of Christ, for whom nowhere was safe,
we pray for the fearful, the bereaved, and the sick, for all who are in pain
and special need.

(moment of silence)

God, in your love,
Hear our prayer.

Light of our souls, call us onward into light, today and forever. **Amen.**

Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light,
that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light,
and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy.
Amen.

Confession+Absolution

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore,
and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

“If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23-24).

THE PEACE is an ancient Christian practice and is offered as a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community. The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and may say “Peace be with you!” or something similar.

Community Announcements

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please place your offering in the basket.

EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist (which means 'thanksgiving') is the sacred meal of the church, where we respond to the call of Jesus to continue to break bread and share the cup in his name. It is a way for us to be in communion with God and one another. We pray remembering all that God has done and notice what God is doing even now.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The musical notation is for a hymn in 6/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'.

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, Ho - san - na in the high- est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with (Mary and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

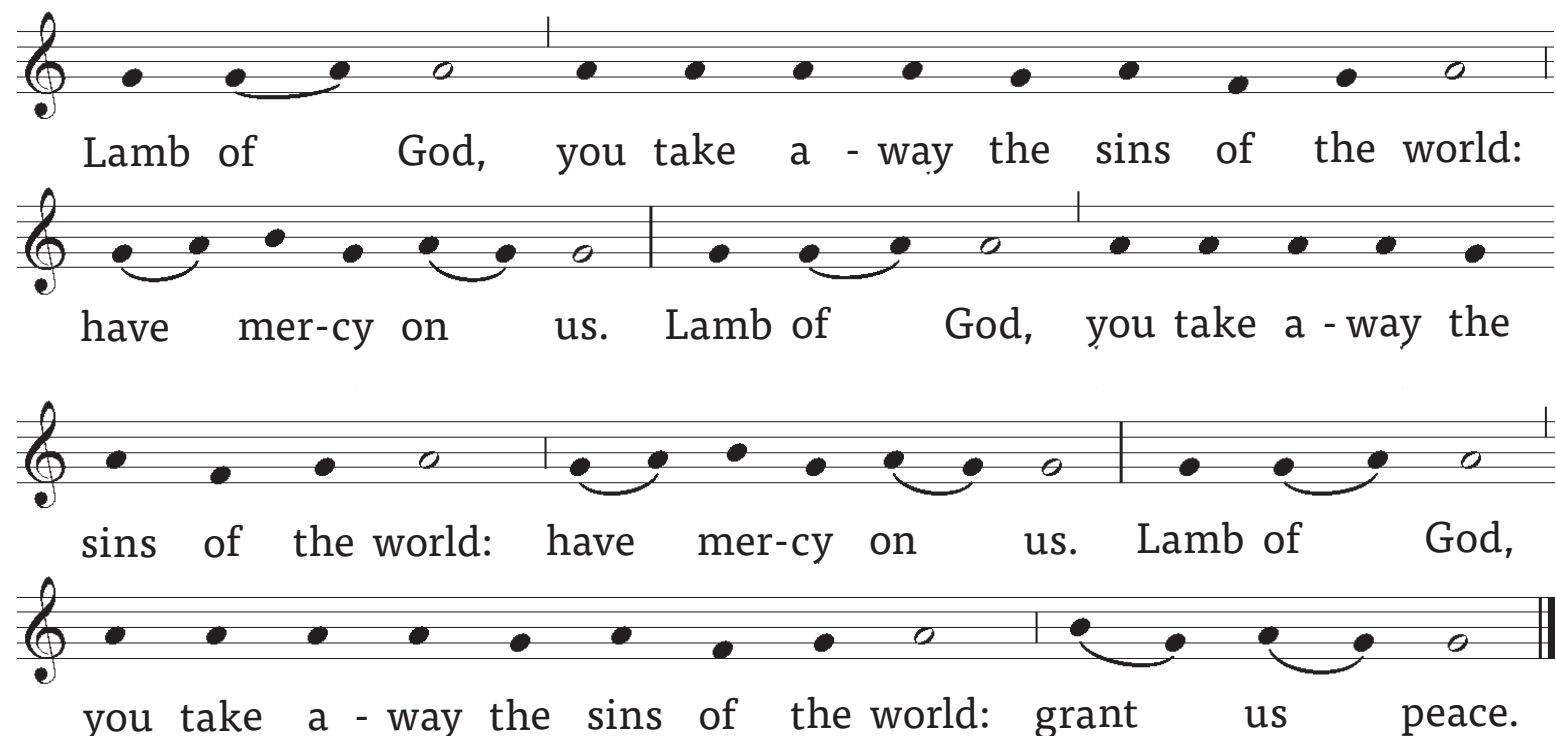
**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread + Agnus Dei

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

An Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed;

Come. All are welcome. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

(please be seated)

If you wish to receive communion, please come forward as the spirit moves you. You can receive the bread and/or wine, by extending your hands and receiving the bread and taking a sip of the cup of wine or dipping your bread into the wine. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, come forward and cross your arms over your chest and we will happily offer a prayer for God's blessing upon you. You can also use this time as a way to pray for and contemplate God's movement in your life. Gluten free wafers are available.

Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the People stand to say the following Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, That we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.
Amen.

Closing Song *(musicians will lead)*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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