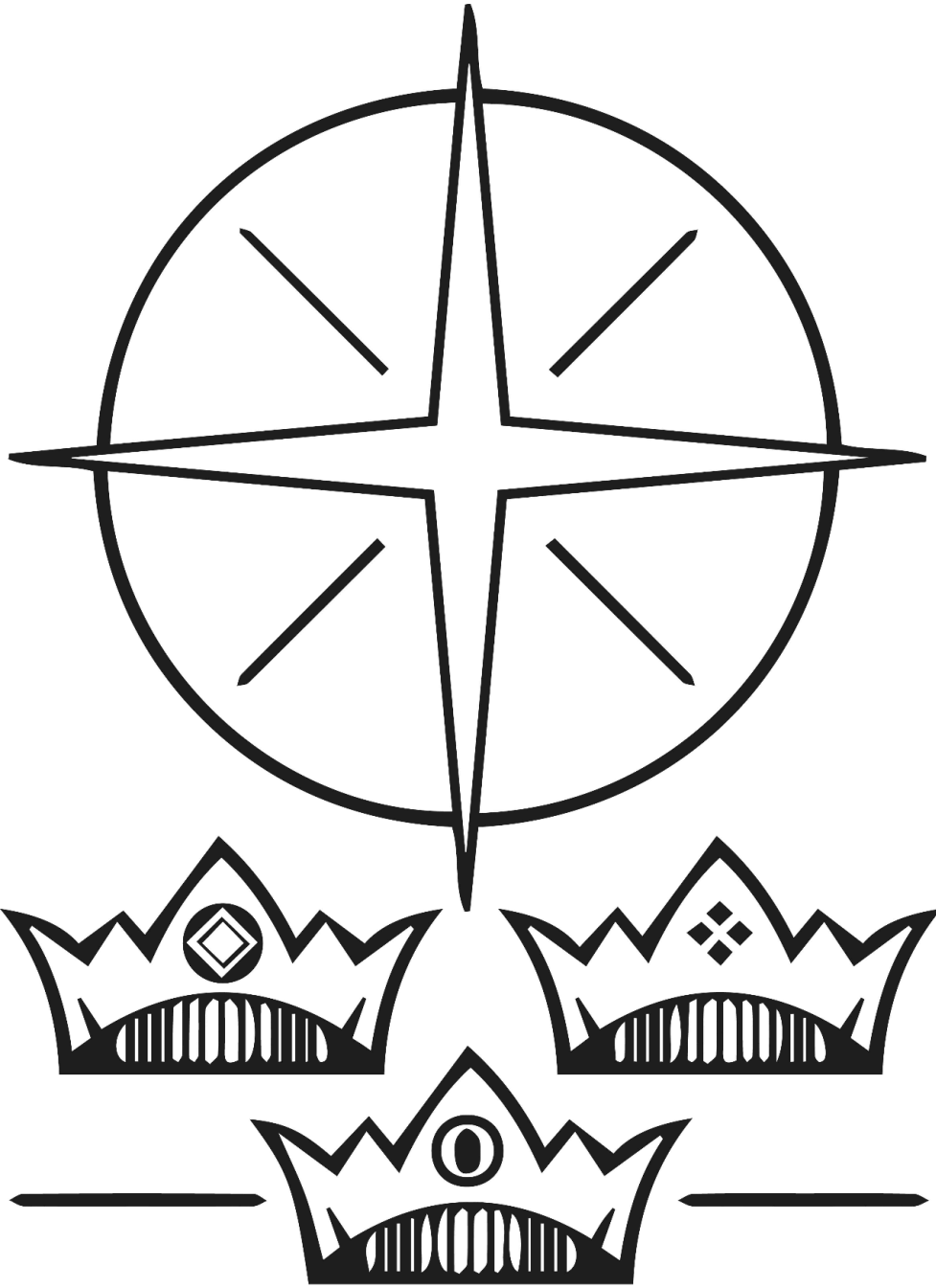


EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5th, 2025



EPIPHANY

PRELUDE

"Adorabunt Nationes"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C. Amen.

P. Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. God of life,

C. you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy and our resources. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

P. Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C. Amen.

*HYMN: "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

THE WORD

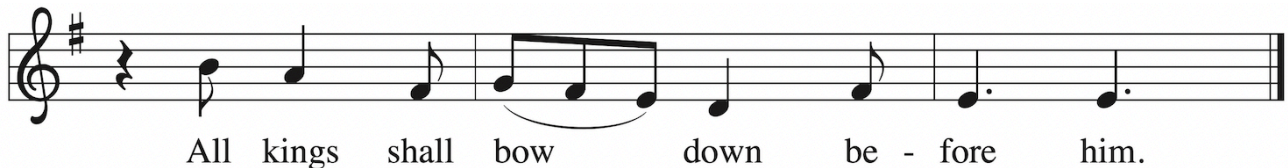
FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

P. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72



Verses will be sung by the choir; the congregation is invited to join in singing the antiphon.

- 1 Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- 2 **that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
- 3 that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
- 4 **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
- 6 **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

ANTIPHON

7 In his time may the | righteous flourish;
 and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

**8 May he rule from | sea to sea,
 and from the river Euphrates to the ends | of the earth.**

9 May his foes bow | down before him,
 and his enemies | lick the dust.

**10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
 and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**

11 May all kings bow | down before him,
 and all the nations | do him service.

**12 For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
 the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.** *ANTIPHON*

13 He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
 and preserves the lives | of the needy.

**14 From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
 and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

15 Long may he live! And may there be given to him | gold of Sheba;
 may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all | the day long.

**16 May there be an abundance of grain in the land, growing thick even | on the
 hilltops;
 may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and may people flourish in cities like the grass
 | of the field.**

17 May the king's name remain forever and be established as long as the | sun endures;
 may all the nations bless themselves in him and | call him blessed.

**18 Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
 you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
 and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen. *ANTIPHON*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

1 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

P. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

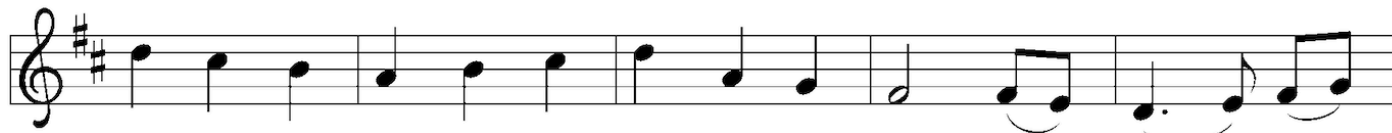
C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

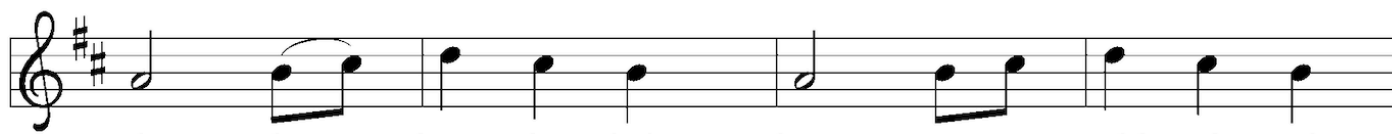
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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Lord, sometimes we think you see us only “From a distance.” But in Christ, you have promised to be God-with-Us, Emmanuel. Be gentle, Lord, as you shed your holy light on our sin-darkened world! Thank you for the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit, who helps us to repent and to delight in your “joyous light of glory.” Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The world scorns the Cross as folly and stumbling block. Therefore, give your Church faith, courage, and wit as it proclaims Christ crucified as the means of forgiveness, salvation, and life with you forever. Make it lovely with the light of Jesus' strong saving love for us sinners. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring light and clarity to the people of this congregation, so that every act of worship, fellowship, outreach, stewardship, service, study, and support is centered in Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine the light of reason, justice, and mercy into the minds of our earthly rulers. Make them want to do your will and benefit the people entrusted to their care. Remind them that they must give an account of their stewardship to you, the Lord and ruler of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing, hope, and the light of your dear presence to everyone who sits in the darkness of suffering, shame, or sorrow (*including*). Let them, and all who care for them, say with confident joy: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?! Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you are the imperishable light, even in the darkness of death, for all who cling to you. We entrust our beloved dead to you, (*including*), and we commend our lives to you as well. Be the lamp to our feet and light to our path throughout our earthly pilgrimage. For the sake of Jesus, lead us, and all whom you redeem, into your bright courts of heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

Please respect those who, for varied reasons, wish not to physically share the peace. Those who smile and wave are also sharing the peace.

God offers Christ to the world. The bread and wine set upon the table will become Christ's bodily presence for all. We offer our gifts - ourselves, our time, and our possessions - to be joined to God's gracious act, that they may also become a part of Christ's presence in this place and beyond. Our ushers will pass the offering plates through the congregation. You may also give digitally via the accompanying QR Code.





- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

OFFERING PRAYER

P. 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.

C. Amen.

*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 our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P. Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P. With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C. Come, Lord Jesus.

P. Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C. Come, Holy Spirit.

P. All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

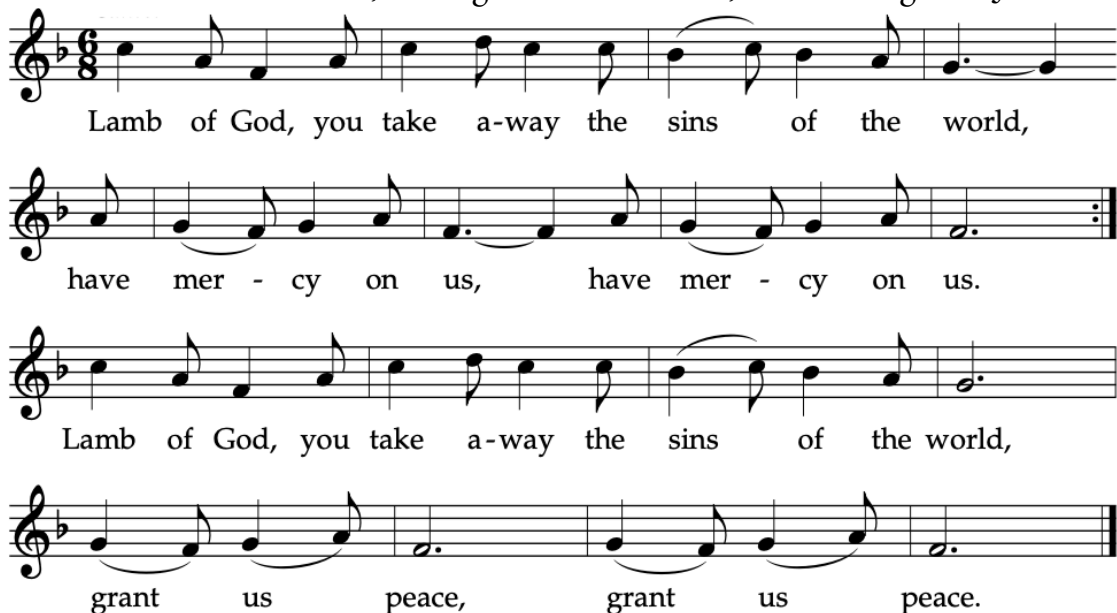
*LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C. **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD & INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.



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

In the bread and wine, Christ is present. More than a sign or symbol, these gifts become his very body and blood. All who love Jesus, regardless of their denominational background or tradition, are invited to join us in this Sacrament of mystery and love. The ushers will direct you. Grape juice can be found at the center of each tray, and a gluten-free host option is available. If you or your child are not communing today, please indicate that to the pastor and a blessing shall be given

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

"Arise, shine!"

Thomas Keesecker

*Arise, shine: for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
We have seen his star in the East
and have come to pay him homage.*

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

ELW 302

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. **C. Amen.**

*BLESSING

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.

*SENDING HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW 671

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the
na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

To stanzas	Last time
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Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL

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

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Marche orientale et arrivée des Rois Mages”

Albert Pinatel

Announcements

Un-Decorating Day: Sunday, January 12th

We will be boxing up our Christmas decorations soon and need your help! If you are able to help January 12th after 11am worship, please reach out to the Church Office.

Save the Date! Health is a Choice Zoom Seminar

Please join us on Saturday, January 25th at 10am on Zoom to hear from Dr. Max MacCloud on “Strategies and Tips to Take Control of Your Own Health and Longevity”. Dr. Max will share key information and advice on how to elevate your health, overcome chronic disease, and maximize your health span. Please use the QR code to register for the Zoom.



Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, January 21st, at 10:30 in the music room, to discuss Becoming by Michelle Obama. This is not a political discussion but an autobiographical understanding of her early life. Come early to chat.

Women's Bible Study: Game Changers in God's Plan

The Women's Bible Study will take place in the music room at 10:30 on January 14th and 28th. Come early to chat.



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