

Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Reconciling God,
we yearn for your presence
to transform our grief, pain, and despair.
We confess that we have not always prepared room
in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.

We cry out, weary with the burden
of violence, oppression, and fear.
We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge,
our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones,
and our reluctance to embody your good news.

Be born in us today and teach us
to sing the joyful song of your salvation. **Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.
Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 665

Rise, Shine, You People!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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 in 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, 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 among 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 water the earth.
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
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.
¹³ He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.
¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Amen.

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 in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

ELW 314

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 671 & 785

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

ELW 677

This Little Light of Mine

SENDING

**Go in peace. Christ is here.
Thanks be to God.**

Thank you, worship leaders!

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