



WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
January 10, 2021



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# WORSHIP SERVICE

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First Sunday after Epiphany (Baptism of our Lord)

The Worship Sourcebook states that "The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning 'manifestation or appearance.' In the context of church history, this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi and the baptism of Jesus." The adoration of the Magi is a sign that the light of Christ has come for all people, even Gentiles from the farthest reaches of the known world. Through the baptism of Jesus, the love of God is demonstrated and revealed within a Trinitarian relationship.

Epiphany season places special emphasis on the teaching and healing ministry of Christ. The Season of Epiphany starts on January 6th and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From Christmastide to the beginning of Lent worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

### Litany of Coronation from Psalm 72

*Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.*

**May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

**May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.**

*May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.*

*May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.*

*In his days, may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.*

*May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

*May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust.*

**May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him.**

**May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.**

**May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.**

*For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. Long may he live!*

**May gold from Sheba be given him.**

**May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.**

**May grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway.**

**May the crops flourish like Lebanon and thrive like the grass of the field.**

**May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.**

*Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.*

**Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.**

*Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.*

**Amen and Amen!**

## **Praise**

### **Songs of Praise**

*“Jesus the Light of the World” (#100 vs. 1-4)*

*“As with Gladness Men of Old” (#105 vs. 1-4)*

### **God’s Greeting**

# Renewal

## Call to Confession (John 3:19-21)

*John's Gospel calls us to confess our sin: "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. All who do evil hate the light, and will not come to the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what each one has done has been done through God."*

## Confession of Sin

**Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon (John 1:9, 12)

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

*Friends, this is the good news!*

**Thanks be to God!**

## God's Gift of the Law in Song & Prayer

*Lord our God, your Word is a light for our path. Even as we sing, imprint the words of your commands on our hearts, and teach us to walk in step with your Spirit.*

## Hymn: "The One Is Blest" (#714 vs. 1-2, & 5)

**We receive these commands as your gift to us.**

**We long for your Spirit to guide us on this path. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen**

# Response

## Prayers of the People

**Reminder of Opportunity to Give Tithes and Offerings (Designated Offering: General Fund)**

# PROCLAMATION

**Scripture:** John 15:12

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** A Time to Love

**Hymn of Response:** "Joy to the World" (#92 vs.1-4)

# SENDING

**Benediction**

**Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (#964)

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## **Participants:**

Liturgist: Dirk Vanderlaan

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