

February 16, 2020



To the Four Corners of the Earth

The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church's world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings—as the crucified and risen Lord.

Today our table paraments are white and gold, symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, and the shining forth of God's glory through Jesus Christ.

LORD's Day Service – February 16, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Daniel 2:20-23

Welcome

Entrance – God Calls Us; we gather together and praise Him

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 150

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #150A
Praise Ye the LORD!

**Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him
and are forgiven in Christ**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared....O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen! (from Psalm 130)

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice!

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

**Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him
and offer our works and lives to Him**

* Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in all places, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

*The Sanctus (inside hymnal and psalter cover)

Hymn of Preparation Psalter, #2
Why Do Heathen Nations Rage

Let us pray: **O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before You. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

* Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 20:2-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* New Testament Lesson Acts 2:17-21
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:10-17
The Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Nebuchadnezzar's Problematic Dream"

* Hymn of Consecration Psalter, #76A (v 1, 4, 5)
God the Lord Is Known in Judah

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Mark 14:22-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving Psalter, #97C
Jehovah Reigns; Let All the Earth Be Joyful

Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him

* The Lord's Commission of Us Proverbs 3:5-6

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us 2 Thessalonians 3:16

* We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him Gloria Patri

* Threefold Amen

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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