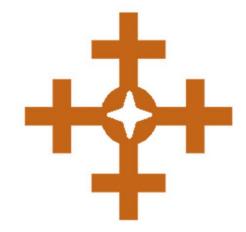


## February 23, 2020



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 23, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Daniel 2:20-23

Welcome

#### Entrance - God Calls Us; we gather together and praise Him

* Call to Worship	Psalm 113
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, #113A Praise Jehovah, Praise 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.)

O most merciful God, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen!

(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!

#### <u>Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him</u> 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, #103A Bless the LORD, My Soul

Let us pray: Most loving Father, Whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You Who cares for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

* Old Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Exodus 12:21-23, 29-33
* New Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
* Gospel Lesson The Word of the Lord. <b>Praise to you, O Christ!</b>	John 7:1-2, 12-18
Sermon	"Nebuchadnezzar's Problematic Dream" – Part 2
* Hymn of Consecration	Trinity Hymnal, #53 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
* Dedication of Tithes & Offering	S
Prayers of the Church	Requests & Lord's Prayer

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	1 Corinthians 11:23-26			
We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate Go	od Creed (inside hymnal cover)			
* Hymn of Thanksgiving	Psalter, #66C All Earth to God Raise Joyful Song			
Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him				

* The Lord's Commission of Us	Psalm 37:3-5
* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us	Numbers 6:24-26
* 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);
- 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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