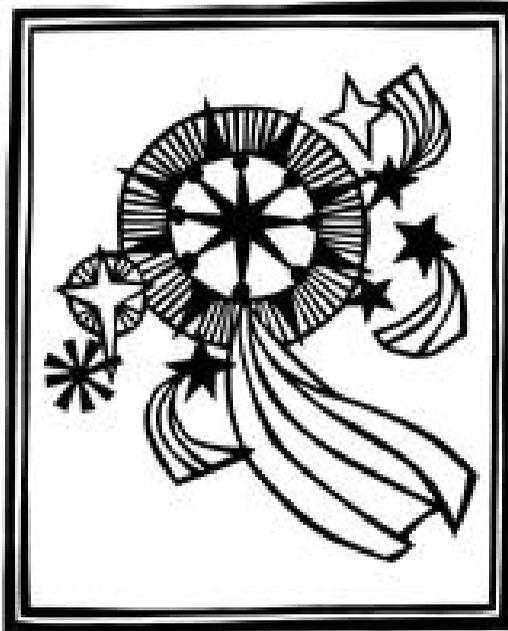


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## Epiphany



### **Welcome Visitors!**

We're glad you are with us today.

Please sign in on the YES! Sheet and pass it to the center aisle.  
If you would like to request a prayer to be read during  
worship, write it on the back. An usher will  
pick it up during the Hymn of the Day.

*Embracing the diversity of God's creation  
and celebrating our oneness in Christ.*

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## ***Teach Us to Number Our Days***

**Worship Service for Jan. 8, 15; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017**

*ELW=red book hymnal      Congregation responses are bold*

***After worship, please leave your bulletin in the basket in the narthex so it can be used in upcoming services. Take the Epistle home to use throughout the week.***

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

 **Call to Worship** *from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Let us rejoice in the Rock of our Salvation**

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name,

**And tell of your salvation from day to day.**

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

**Your praise to the ends of the earth.**

 **Confession**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Shining, surprising, grace-full God,

for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love:

**Forgive us**

For preferring the safe, familiar and certain to the risky, unknown and mysterious:

**Forgive us**

For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:

**Forgive us**

For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:

**Forgive us**

For fearing those different from ourselves,  
and projecting onto them what we cannot accept within our own depths:

**Forgive us**

For assuming we are superior to the rest of creation,  
for abusing, despoiling and failing to celebrate our relationship with the earth and  
the web of life:

**Forgive us**

For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling  
as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Advent as in Epiphany:

**Forgive us**

*(silence for reflection)*

Gracious God, **set us free, we pray, to be whole human beings to live our lives  
graciously without fear.**

God forgives us. God makes peace within us. Through Christ + claim this healing in  
faith and hope.

 **Opening Song**

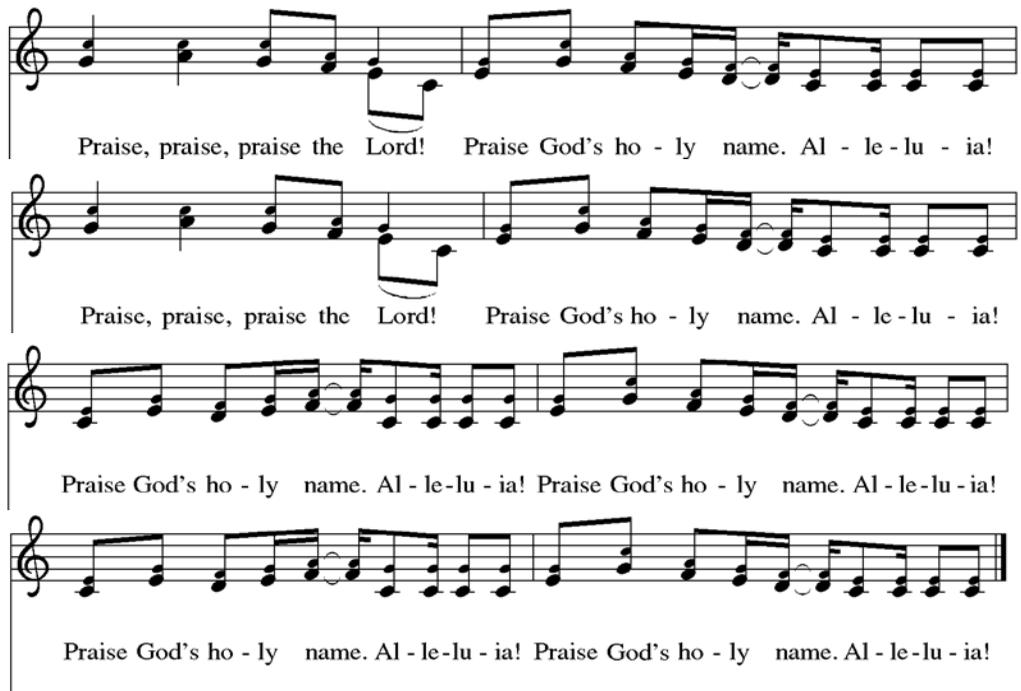
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| Jan. 8 "Arise, Your Light Has Come"             | ELW 314 |
| Jan. 15 "Light Shone in Darkness"               | ELW 307 |
| Feb. 5 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" | ELW 815 |
| Feb. 12 "O For A Thousand Tongues"              | ELW 886 |
| (st. 1, 3, and 6)                               |         |
| Feb. 19 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"            | ELW 521 |
| Feb. 26 "How Good Lord to Be Here"              | ELW 315 |

 **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.**

 Hymn of Praise



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

 Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Today's Readings

 First Reading

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Readings

 Psalm

Today's Readings

 Second Reading

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Readings

## Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana  
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 **Gospel**

Before the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
After the Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Today's Readings

 **Mini-Med** *Children come forward as directed*

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north,  
But one community of love  
Through-out the whole wide earth**

## Hymn of the Day

*(During the hymn, YES! Sheets are collected)*

|         |                               |         |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Jan. 8  | "When Jesus Came to Jordan"   | ELW 305 |
| Jan. 15 | "Will You Come and Follow Me" | ELW 798 |
| Feb. 5  | "Christ be Our Light"         | ELW 715 |
| Feb. 12 | "Praise and Thanksgiving"     | ELW 689 |
| Feb. 19 | "Blest are They"              | ELW 728 |
| Feb. 26 | "Oh Wondrous Type"            | ELW 316 |

## Sermon

*Time for Reflection*

## Affirmation of Faith *from Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship by Brian Wren*

The world says, "Evil has always existed, and only force can overcome it,"  
but faith in Christ declares,

**In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth**

**...God saw everything that God had made,**

**and indeed, it was very good.**

**But sin came into the world...and death came through sin.** (Gen. 1:1, 31 & Rom. 5:12)

The world says, "Let the righteous destroy the wicked, that justice may be done,"  
but faith in Christ declares,

**There is no one who is righteous, not even one...All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.** (Rom 3:10, 23)

The world says, "Violence is golden when it is used to put evil down,"  
but faith in Christ declares,

**The Living God tests the righteous and the wicked, and...hates the lover of violence. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, but violence takes lives away.** (Ps. 11:5, Prov. 11:30)

The world says, "Lock them up and throw away the key,"  
but the risen Christ declares,  
**Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**  
**Beloved, never avenge yourselves, ...for it is written,**  
**"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Living God."** (Matt 5:7 & Rom 12:19)

The world says, "We have to murder and kill and destroy to preserve everything  
that's good," but faith in Christ declares,  
**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.**  
**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.** (Matt 5:44 &  
5:9)  
**We affirm our desire to follow the words of God.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each petition is* ...Hear us O, God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

### Peace

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

### Offertory

*Special Music*

 **Offering Hymn** (During the hymn, the gifts are brought forward)

**Amen, We Praise Your Name**  
*Amen siakudumisa*

Leader                      Assembly



*Ma - si - thi!*      *A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa!*      *Ma - si - thi!*  
Sing prais - es!      A - men, we praise your name, O God!      Sing prais - es!



*A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa!*      *Ma - si - thi!*      *A - men, ba - wo.*  
A - men, we praise your name, O God!      Sing prais - es!      A - men, a - men.



*A - men, ba - wo.*      *A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa!*      *Ma - si - thi!*  
A - men, a - men.      A - men, we praise your name, O God!      Sing prais - es!

Text: South African traditional  
Music: AMEN SIAKUDUMISA, attr. S. C. Molefe, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana  
Music © Gobingca Mxadana

 **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray...

Living God, we thank you for making yourself known to us:  
for taking the time to reveal yourself to the world,  
and for the long unfolding of your revelation.

Use our gifts to shine the light of Christ into all the world. **Amen.**

# Meal

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

We give you thanks, O God,  
for making your love evident since the very beginning of time...

... Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him—  
living out his ministry in the world today and every day.

**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come, be filled with light and life.

## Communion instructions

*Please come forward as the ushers direct. You will be given bread. Pastor has gluten free wafers if you need, just indicate when you are with her. You may eat the bread and drink; or intinct (dip) in the large cup and eat. The silver cup has wine; the oversize pottery cup has grape juice for intinction. Please move to the appropriate server. After you commune, feel free to kneel at the altar rail in silent prayer.*

### **FEB. 5 ONLY:**

*Please come forward as the ushers direct and take a cup from the tray, unless you wish to drink from the common cup. Move to the railing and kneel as you are able. You will be given bread. Pastor has gluten free wafers if you need, just indicate when you are with her. You may choose to be served wine from the silver cup or grape juice from the golden cup. If you do not have a cup you will be offered the common cup with wine. After you commune, you may return to your seat.*

## Lamb of God



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

## Communion Hymns

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| Jan. 8:  | "We are baptized in Christ Jesus"<br>"In the Singing"      | ELW 451<br>ELW 466 |
| Jan. 15: | "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"<br>"Now the Silence"    | ELW 464<br>ELW 460 |
| Feb. 5:  | "Draw us in the Spirits Tether"<br>"Eat This Bread"        | ELW 470<br>ELW 472 |
| Feb. 12: | "Strengthen for Service Lord"<br>"Take, O take me as I am" | ELW 497<br>ELW 814 |
| Feb. 19: | "All Who Hunger"<br>"As the Grains of Wheat"               | ELW 461<br>ELW 465 |
| Feb. 26: | "Beautiful Savior"<br>"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"         | ELW 838<br>ELW 317 |

## Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

*from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

Let us pray...  
Gracious God, lover of all,  
by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood,  
one in the communion of the Spirit.  
Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. **Amen.**

 **Blessing**

*from Gifts of Many Cultures: Worship Resources for the Global Community by Maren Tirabassi & Kathy Wonson Eddy*

Run with the name of the Christ!  
Make God's + will happen.  
Look! The dawn is coming in this difficult life, so move forward!  
Christ ignites, enlivens, and raises us up.  
Beloved of God, you empower us and lift each other up.  
Love and trust each other and share the new light that is within you.

 **Sending Hymn**

January: "Go, Make Disciples"

ELW 540

February: "We Have Seen the Lord"

ELW 869

 **Dismissal**

Go in peace and be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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