

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 5, 2020 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

** indicates congregation stands. | **Bold print indicates unison reading.***

Prelude: Meditation on "Lead, Kindly Light"

Bradshaw

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: based on 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 52:10

The mystery from which true godliness springs is great—come and see!
Jesus Christ appeared in the flesh,

was vindicated by the Spirit,

was seen by angels,

was preached among the nations,

was believed on in the world,

was taken up in glory.

May all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God.

* Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

PH 358

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ came into this world for us and our salvation, who triumphed over the powers of death, and who prepared us for our place in the new Jerusalem: grant that we, who this day give thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in the City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Response: "In God the Father I Believe"

PH 518

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession based on John 3:19; Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 8

In the shadow of God's peace, in the powerful name of Jesus, and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, we confess our sins today.

We acknowledge, with the church of all times and places, God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; and God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

We bring our prayers for forgiveness and grace to the God who has revealed himself in his Word:

these three distinct persons who are one, true, eternal God.

God's Will for Our Lives

Ephesians 5:8–14

Prayer of Confession

Father, you have come to meet us as we return to you: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you came into the world to save sinners. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory.

Have mercy on us, that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to the Holy Presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Titus 2:11

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 81 (pg. 582)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Let God Satisfy Your Hunger*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

PH 282

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, God, for sending a star to guide the wise men to the Christ child. But, even more, we praise you for signs and witnesses in every generation that lead us to Christ. We thank you for the covenant made first with Israel—promising to be Israel's light and salvation. You made Israel your people and promised that through them all the peoples of the world would be blessed. We thank you for prophets who declared your Word, for priests who made sacrifices for the sins of many, and for kings and rulers who ruled with justice, lifted up the poor and needy, and defended the people from their enemies. With the apostles, prophets, and martyrs; with all those through the ages who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ; and with all who strive to serve him on earth here and now, we join our voices in offering praise to the God of loving power and powerful love.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to those on whom his favor rests. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of this sacrifice, until he comes again. "The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.' Therefore according to his commandment, we remember his coming and his death for us, we proclaim his resurrection, and we await his return in glory.

Heavenly Father, in sending Christ, the light of the world, you revealed your glory to the nations. You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem, that they might worship Christ. Your signs and witnesses in every age lead people from every place to worship him. We praise you that in him we become your children, baptized into your service. And now, O God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Distribution of Bread and Cup

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

[In breaking and serving the bread, the minister shall say]:

The bread which we break is a communion of the body of Christ.

Please hold the bread until all have been served.

The communion bread is gluten and wheat free.

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

[In serving the cup, the minister shall say]:

The cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks is a communion of the blood of Christ.

Please hold the cup until all have been served.

The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings hold grape juice.

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

- * Response of Thanksgiving: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" PH 356
- * Offertory Prayer
Offering: Fairlawn General Fund
Offertory: Impression on "We Three Kings" Fedak

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Benediction: based on Philippians 4:7
- * Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" PH 638
- * Postlude: "Joy to the World" Young

Minister: Joel Vande Werken
Organ and Piano: Lisa Vos
Liturgist: Jim Hassey

*Call to Worship from The Worship Sourcebook, F.1.2.9, p. 502
Prayer of the Day from the Daily Office of the Book of Common Prayer (Sunday Evening)
Communion liturgy is approved by CRC Synod 2016*