

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: In the Garden/What A Friend We Have in Jesus, Pamela Watson-Brown & Joni Van Rossum

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!

**We gather in hope and thanksgiving,
seeking the presence of Christ revealed among us.**

Let us lift our voices, open our hearts,
and rejoice in the wonders God is showing us.

**Come, let us worship the Lord who calls us into the light
and leads us forward in faith.**

EPIPHANY KYRIE:

Chorus:

Light of heaven, sent to lead us,
Lord, have mercy.

Promise given, sent to teach us,
Christ, have mercy.

Hope eternal, sent to free us,

guide us with Your light

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Verse (Leader Only)

For the way that leads to heaven,
and the truth Your teaching brings,
For the life You set before us,
hear us now, in Jesus' name, we pray:

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OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God,

As we gather for Epiphany worship,

open our hearts to your presence and fill us with Christ's light.

Guide us by your Spirit, that we may follow your call and share your love.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: ELW 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come

1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Leland Henry Johnson

Commendation

Special Music: Amazing Grace, Pamela Watson-Brown & Joni Van Rossum

Closing Prayer

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPIPHANY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:

On this day, the radiant Light,
Draws all nations to your sight.
Christ revealed, our Light has come;
God made flesh for everyone;
O Word of Life, you make us one.

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GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me

because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Lamb of God, Pastor Andrea Cain

SONG OF THE DAY: King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe

For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the church throughout the world: that, enlightened by the light of Christ revealed to the nations, we may boldly share the gospel and serve our neighbors with faithfulness and joy. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For peace among all peoples and nations, that the light of Christ would break through the darkness of division and conflict, inspiring leaders to seek justice, reconciliation, and unity for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in need of healing—those who are sick, lonely, or in despair—and for all who care for them, may Christ the healer bring comfort, strength, and hope to their lives (especially those we name aloud or in our hearts ...) Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the faith and for those who mourn, that the promise of eternal life made known in Christ's revelation would fill us with hope and sustain us in days to come. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a word of peace with our neighbors.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The grace of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God's redeeming love.

The Hunger Jar is a love offering and is designated for the Desert Cross Serves event packing hygiene kit backpacks.

You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at www.desertcross.org with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel

EPIPHANY OFFERING SONG: Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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OFFERING PRAYER:

O Lord,
you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through the gifts of bread and wine.
Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace,
to tell the story of Jesus Christ, our bright morning star.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

This is Christ's table. There is a place for you.
All are welcome.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p. 201 (*Tempe Only*)



DISTRIBUTION SONGS: ELW 492 *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup.
Taste and see the goodness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love,
we rejoice in your presence.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise with heart and voice;
in my God I glory forever:
listen and rejoice! *Refrain*

2 Look upon the Lord, be radiant,
never turn away.
God will save in ev'ry affliction,

hear us when we pray. *Refrain*

3 Angels fold their wings around us,
guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;
taste, and have your fill. *Refrain*

4 Saints of God, bow down and worship,
bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever,
wondrous deeds proclaim! *Refrain*

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Make Room

Verse 1

Here is where I lay it down
Every burden every crown
This is my surrender
This is my surrender
Here is where I lay it down
Every lie and every doubt
This is my surrender

Chorus

And I will make room for you
To do whatever you want to
To do whatever you want to
And I will make room for you
To do whatever you want to
To do whatever you want to

Bridge

Shake up the ground of all my tradition
Break down the walls of all my religion
Your way is better
Your way is better

Ending

Here is where I lay it down
You are all I'm chasing now
This is my surrender

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Gracious God,
as we gather at your table,
we give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine.
Renew our hope and awaken our hearts to watch and wait for his coming.
Empower us to carry his light into the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION:

God who sent the Light into our world,
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,
God who shines the Spirit's rays,
Bless you + and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 536 God Be with You till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, (till we meet,
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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