

3 Epiphany



January 21, 2024

Gathering

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

Prelude

Youth Handbells

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW #310 vs 1&4

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| 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest. | 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest. |
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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

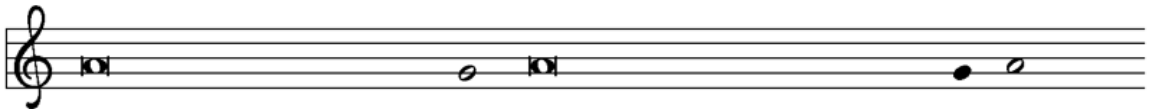
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



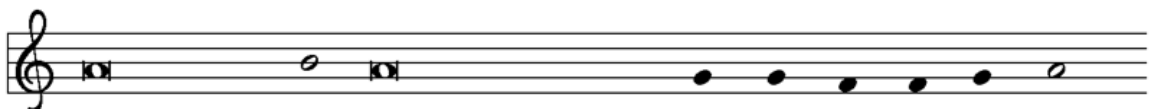
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



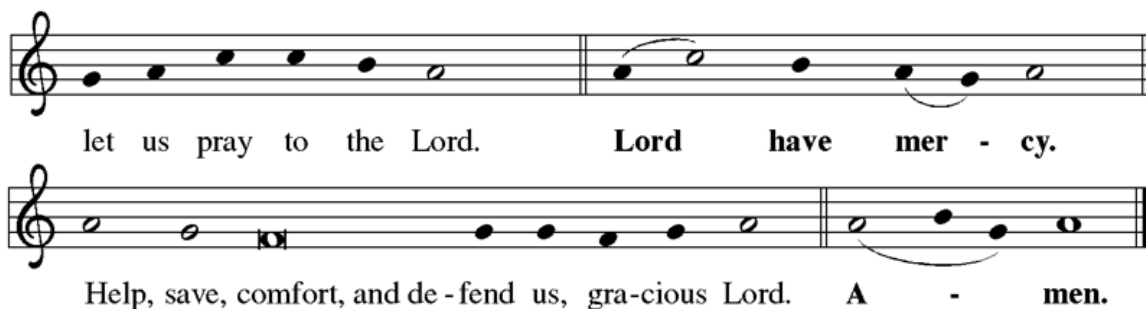
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

This is the Feast

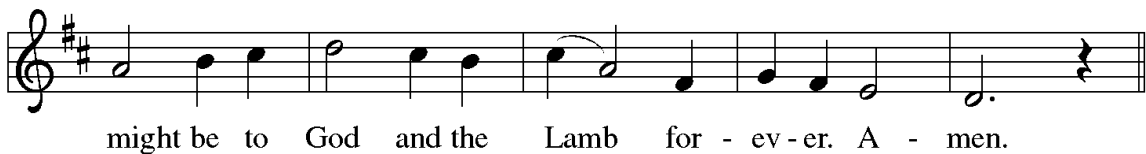


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

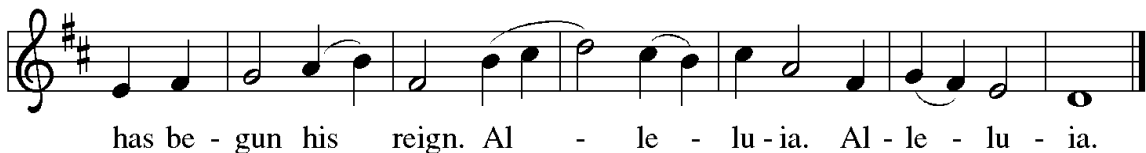
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



Final refrain



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Wednesday LinC† Choir

"Children of the Light" – Vicki Tucker Courtney

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be
trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

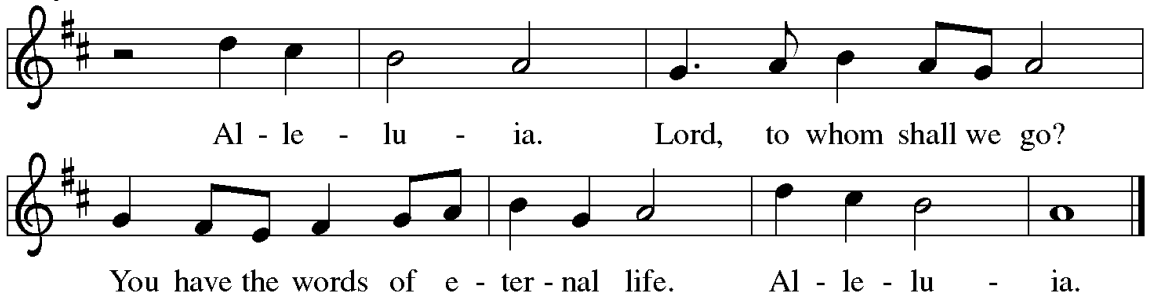
Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter one.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother

John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW #815

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed (8:30)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

1st Grade Bible Milestone (10:30)

P: Let us pray together for all these students and their families:

C: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us your Word, the Bible. We pray that this Bible will help these first graders learn about God and all of the people in God's stories. Help each of us to seek you through your Word. In your name we pray. Amen.

Baptism of Bryson James Suess and Ariya Rose Martinez (10:30)

Bryson and Ariya are the children of Trinity Suess and Miguel Martinez. Bryson's baptismal sponsors are Maddie Schiller and Zachary Schiller. Ariya's baptismal sponsors are Mari Martinez and Cortez Garcia. May God's blessing be upon these children.

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

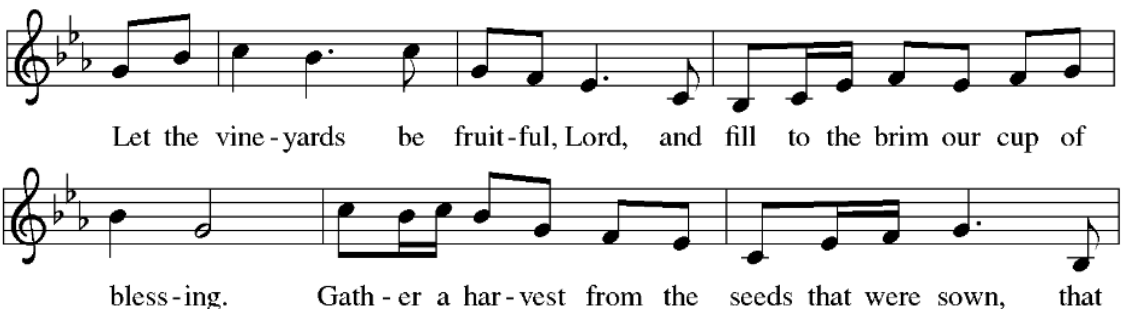
Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

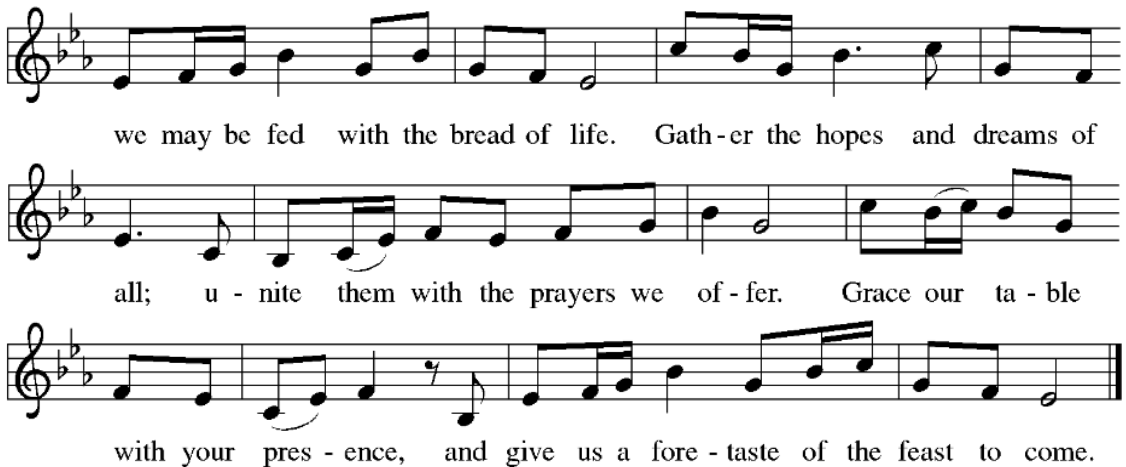
Offertory Hymn

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

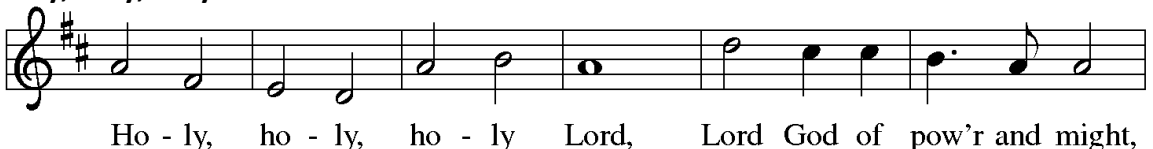
P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

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 Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

Verse 1

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Verse 2

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Andre Crouch

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson,
Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Ken Johnson,
Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh, Treacy Meyer, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam,
Verne Radloff, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert, Marge Schmidt

Family of Susan Nelson



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Choir Director: Madeline Cacciatore-Warta	
Pianist: Jody Braulick	A/V: Jeff Julien
Deacon: (8:30) Jenny Krosch, Linda Postel (10:30) Alyssa Nissen	
Acolytes: (8:30) Braedon Lambrecht, Mckenzie Lilleodden (10:30) Savanna Hedlund, Kane Medina	
Communion Server: (8:30) Bob Gruenhagen	(10:30)
Lector: (8:30) Amanda Neidecker	(10:30)
Ushers: (8:30) Ken Varland	(10:30)
P/P: (8:30) Dyan Miller	(10:30)

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1/14 General Offering	\$	4,215.73	\$	14,855.40
1/14 Building Fund	\$	380.00	\$	1,380.00
TOTAL:	\$	4,595.73	\$	16,235.40
1/14 World Hunger	\$	0.00	\$	0.00

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	7:30PM Wed.
1/14/24	43	18	60