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## ABOUT THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

Our liturgy this morning draws together a wealth of symbolism and function that mirrors the life and example of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The great traditions of the Eastern Church in observing with significance the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 as the culmination of Christmastide often poses great challenges to communities seeking a deeper exploration of the wonders of the Sages journeying from the East and the realities of a mid-week celebration of Epiphany.

Our Sunday-to-Sunday liturgical life this year takes us directly from two full Sundays of Christmas directly to the Baptism of Christ. To not observe these great feasts of Christ's life among us could be short sighted. Today's service instead seeks to draw us in to the wider glory of what the Incarnation at Christmas points to at Epiphany – the Manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world.

Through Holy Word and Song we hear again the story of the Wise Men led by the Star to the Infant Christ; we follow Jesus to the rivers of the Jordan for his Baptism by John and hear the affirmation of the Father's voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove; finally we journey with Jesus at the start of his ministry and are witness to his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

Through our prayer and praises, and in the celebration of the Eucharist, we glimpse the vision of Christ's glory abiding in each one of us. As Christians who celebrate the revelation of God's glory in Christ, we are also called to see that glory in one another, building a community of love and trust.

## ENTRANCE RITE

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

### \* EPIPHANY SENTENCES AND PROCESSION

Blessed be God, ✠ whose glory has dawned up the world  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Nations shall come to your light,  
**and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
**that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
**dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the bright splendor whom the nations seek:  
May we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### \* HYMN AT THE PROCESSION – BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS ELW No. 303

### \*BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon that glory manifested in many ways; the visit of the magi bringing homage to their King at his birth; the wonder at his Baptism in the River Jordan; and to hear of his first miracle at a wedding at Cana in Galilee by which he revealed his glory to his disciples. We celebrate Christ's glory, and recall the prayer of Jesus to his heavenly Father that we, too, might share in that same glory and become one with him as a Beloved Community, formed in his love. As we rejoice in the Word made flesh, who has called us out of darkness into light so we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world:

We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ; we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God; we pray for an end to all that mars the image of God in others through prejudice or discrimination; we also pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no-one to pray for them.

May God our Father take us and use us in his service; may he open our eyes to see his glory, and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

I: THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED

ISAIAH 60:1-6

The Prophet Isaiah proclaims the Glory of the Lord.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN – WHAT CHILD IS THIS

ELW NO. 296

\*PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we pray, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with you and the Holy Spirit, you live and reigns forever. **Amen.**

Saint Matthew tells of the Wise Men led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN – AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

ELW No. 302

\*PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saint Matthew tells of the tells of the Baptism of Jesus

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN – CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED

ELW NO. 304

\*PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Saint John tells of Jesus' first miracle at Cana in Galilee.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came

from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN – SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

ELW No. 310

\*PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SERMON

THE REV. TIM SCHOLL

\*HYMN OF THE DAY — HOW BRIGHT APPEARS THE MORNING STAR

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right-eous Branch, O Jes-se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre-a-tion's Head and Lord, by high-est ser-a-  
In-car-nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic-es:  
phim a-dored, as-sumed our ve-ry na-ture;  
Con-quer-or, till all know thy sal-va-tion.

Je-sus, Je-sus! Ho-ly, ho-ly, yet most low-ly,  
Je-sus, grant us, through thy mer-it, to in-her-it  
A-men, a-men! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

draw thou near us; great Em-man-uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal-va-tion; hear, O hear our sup-pli-ca-tion.  
Praise be giv-en ev-er-more, by earth and hea-ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## \*RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Dear friends in Christ, on this day when we commemorate the Baptism of Jesus let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

\*THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*As a symbol of our renewal of the promises made at our Baptism, the presider sprinkles water from the Font over the People.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

\*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION — ALL PRAISE TO THEE, OUR GOD WE RAISE

All praise to Thee, our God, we raise, for all Thy gifts through-out our days;  
 bless these gifts to Thee we bring, and make our hearts al-way to sing:  
 praise to God on High, \_\_\_\_\_ praise to God on High.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.*

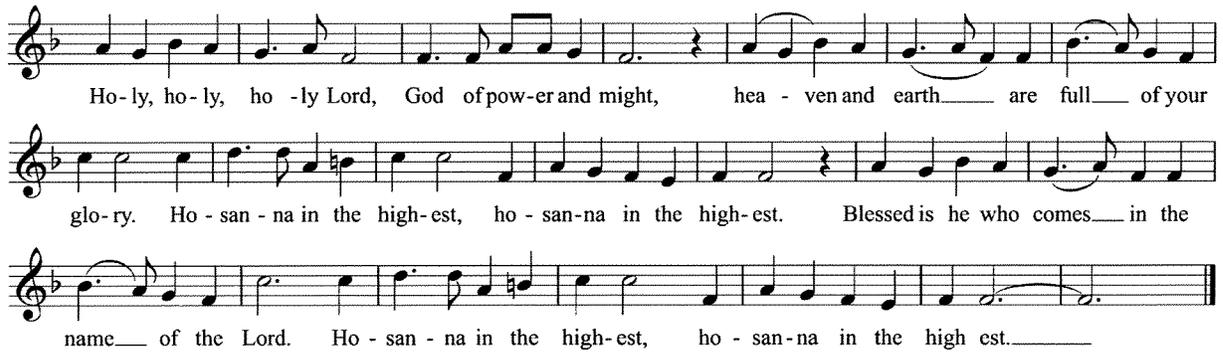
\*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned into wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho -ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea - ven and earth\_\_\_ are full\_\_\_ of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes\_\_\_ in the  
name\_\_\_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.\_\_\_\_\_

This is Hymn No. 191 from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*  
Setting: From *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace astounds us.  
From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever.  
Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might.  
Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our  
treasure dear. He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.  
He keeps us yours and fails us never- today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation, he took bread and 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.

With joy we tell our story: Alleluia!

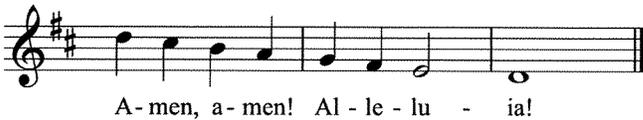


Al - le - lu - ia.

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning. and be fix us the end and the beginning our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.

And so we praise you: Amen, Amen! Alleluia!



A-men, a-men! Al - le - lu - ia!

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 145

*Presider*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

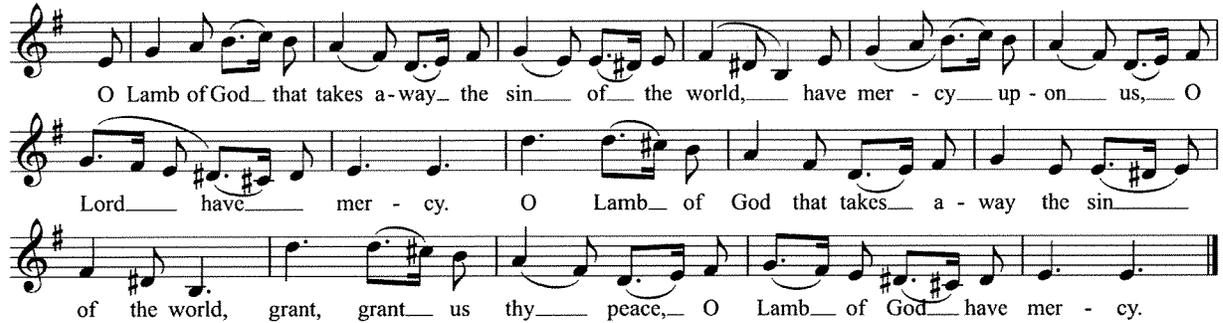
A musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written across six staves. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.'

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Lord has manifested his glory!

And all the peoples shall come with joy before the Lord.

## AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God that takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us, O  
Lord have mer - cy. O Lamb of God that takes a - way the sin  
of the world, grant, grant us thy peace, O Lamb of God have mer - cy.

Words: *Agnus Dei* text modified in English by David Kazimir

Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harmonization, *English Carols New and Old*, 1871

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION – JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU ELW No. 312

### \*TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN — HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - cous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, #616 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), para of Psalm 72.  
 Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

\*DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to God's people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE

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