

EPIPHANY

The First Sunday in Epiphany
Sunday, January 7, 2024



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY**



We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Wie schön leuchtet*

~ David Bednall

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

***HYMN** #191: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Old Testament page 690*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 (*Old Testament page 533*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12 (*New Testament page 193*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12 (*New Testament page 2*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #193:** *I Think of That Star of Long Ago*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #184:** *God's Love Made Visible*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN #554:** *Eat This Bread (sung three times)*

HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Affirmation of Faith

**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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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.**

TAKING

Institution

Sung Response (to the tune of #295)

His dying we proclaim. Alleluia! Amen!
His rising we declare. Alleluia! Amen!
His coming we await, now as these gifts we take.
Glory to God on high! Alleluia! Amen!

BLESSING

BREAKING: Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.

GIVING: Offering the bread, offering the cup.

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #367:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

***BENEDICTION**

May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, Light from Light, lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **AMEN.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that same Spirit over you. **AMEN.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your life and make your heart glad. **AMEN.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever. **AMEN.**

POSTLUDE: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

~ David Blackwell

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!

GREETERS: Kendall Magnuson and Steph Nelson

READERS: Carol and Dick Sundholm

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sonja Whitaker

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Sloane and James Haagenson

