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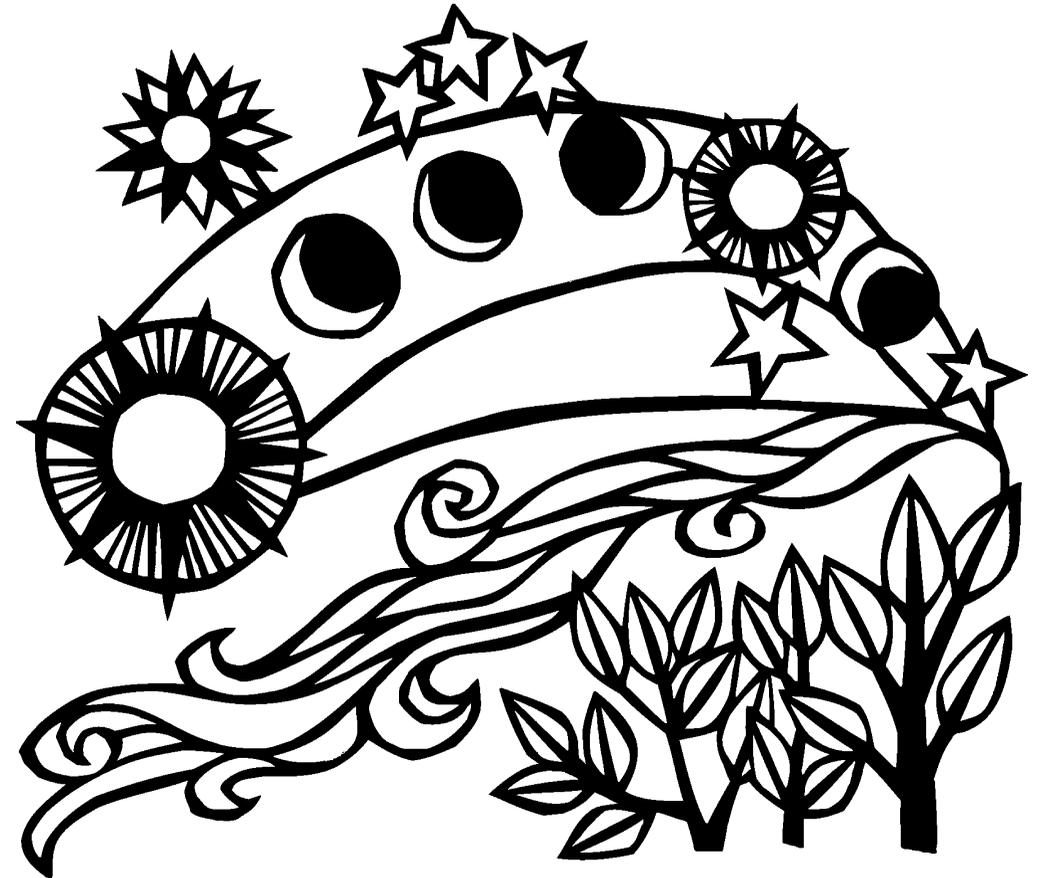
St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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# Epiphany of Our Lord

January 8, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)*

*(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** *Three Kings* *Patricia Lou Harris*  
 (© 1993 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,  
**you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
 We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ✚ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

**GATHERING HYMN** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* *ELW 275*

*(Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4; Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879)*

This week's schedule		
Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.	7 pm	Executive Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	7 pm	Trinity Circle (Smith Building)
	7 pm	Men in Mission (Youth Room)
Wed.		
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.	Attendance: 47	2022	
1/1	Offering: \$2,095	November Offering Income	\$23,272
	Homebound: 17	November Other Income	\$ 5,956
		November Total Income	\$29,228
		November Expenses	\$26,853
		YTD Offering Income	\$228,363
		YTD Other Income	\$ 26,096
		YTD Total Income	\$254,459
		YTD Expenses	\$326,976



### Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Ruth Skarda, Janet Roth, Gladys Downs, Bill Spink, Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Donna Bobloch, Yung-Mee Rhee, Fred Turkin, Audrey Vargo, Jeanne Hartman, Darlene Wilder, Rebecca Hornbarger, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

**For the military and their families:** Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Trudy Anderson

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### WORD

#### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

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 on 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.

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the



**It's time to start preparing the 2023 Annual Report.** If you are responsible for preparing a Ministry Report for the Annual Report, please email your report to the church office by Friday, January 27th. Thanks in advance.

**Tickets can now be reserved for St. John's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast** on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers with details are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails. We need a final headcount by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Venmo is Here!** We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.

Pastor Amy, Pastor Mathew, and the St. John's Congregation,

Your generosity has made such a difference for our school family this Christmas. Though-out the year, the Food for Thought program provides children & parents some peace of mind during their weekends. We are so grateful for your support and kindness. On behalf of our students & families and from the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

Have a safe & healthy Christmas season and we will see you in the new year!

Sincerely,  
Katie Oppenheim & Caitlin Arena,  
School Counselors—Carney E.S. 2022



## Announcements & Upcoming Event

**Next Week— Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>—2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**

† 10 am— **Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel at stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of David Healy by Peggy and Dennis Buckless.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm\_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

**Nursery Care** for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



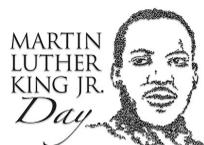
**Food for Thought Program** is in great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals.** We are now packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

**2023 Offering Envelopes are here.** Please pick them up from the tables outside of the Sanctuary. If you don't have envelopes and would like a box, please contact the church office. If you see envelopes for a friend or neighbor who is not able to get to church, please deliver them. The cost of mailing the envelopes is very expensive, so we would like to deliver as many as possible. Thanks for your help!



**Altar Guild Reminder....**The Altar Guild will be meeting on the third Sunday of the month beginning Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Smith Building.

**Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm to commemorate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** The service, which is sponsored by our synod's chapter of the African Descent Lutheran Association, will be held at Peoples' Community Lutheran Church (6200 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21239) and will feature guest speaker Dr. Tracey Durant, Executive Director of Equity with Baltimore City Public Schools.



same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Kyrie Eleison*

♩=63 **INTRO**

F B $\flat$ /F F C<sup>sus</sup> Gm B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> F/A Dm C<sup>sus</sup>

**VERSE 1**

5 F B $\flat$ /F F C<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> F Dm C<sup>sus</sup>

1. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Hear our cry and heal \_\_\_\_ our \_land. Let

9 F B $\flat$ /F F C<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> F C<sup>sus</sup>

kind - ness lead us to re - pent - ance; bring us back a - gain. \_\_\_\_

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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

*God’s promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**SERMON**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***The First Noel***

***ELW 300***

*(Text: English traditional; Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901)*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

*The Lord now bless and keep you; God's love in you increase  
By God's own face, with shining grace, grant you eternal peace  
To Father, Son, and Spirit, eternal One-in-Three  
Be thanks and praise through all our days, into eternity. Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN**

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

***ELW 671***

*(Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Text and music © 1987 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere)*

**DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* JC Bach, arr. Geoffrey Edwards  
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<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
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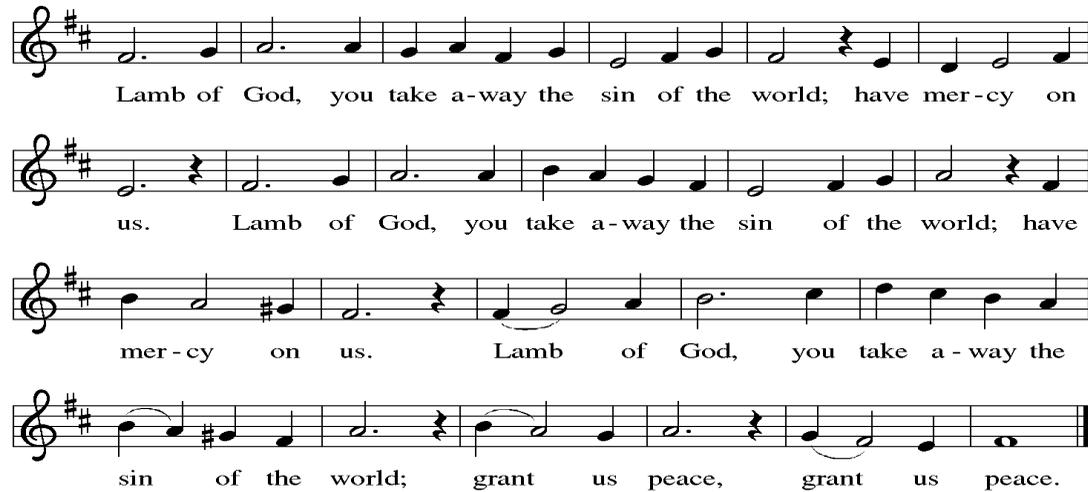
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## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.*

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.*

## 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 HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **ELW 815**  
(Text and music: Katherine Thomson, b. 1934; Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration)

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Go with the Wise Men* *Adult Choir*  
(Words: John Parker; Music: Stan Pethel; Words and music © 2007 Abingdon Press)

*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)  
(Please stand as you are able.)*

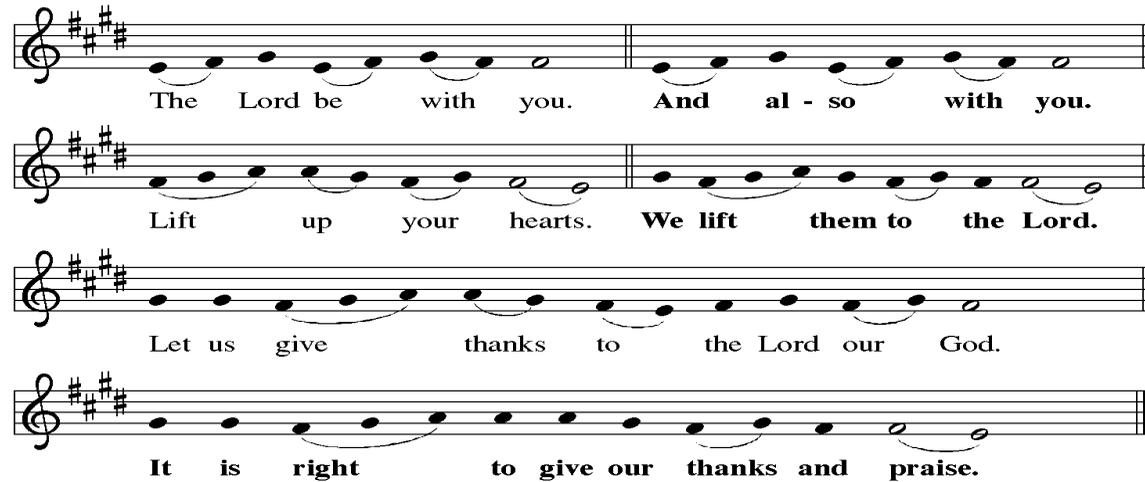
**OFFERING HYMN** *In the Bleak Midwinter* **ELW 294 (vv. 1, 3)**  
(Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894; Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934)

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
**Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

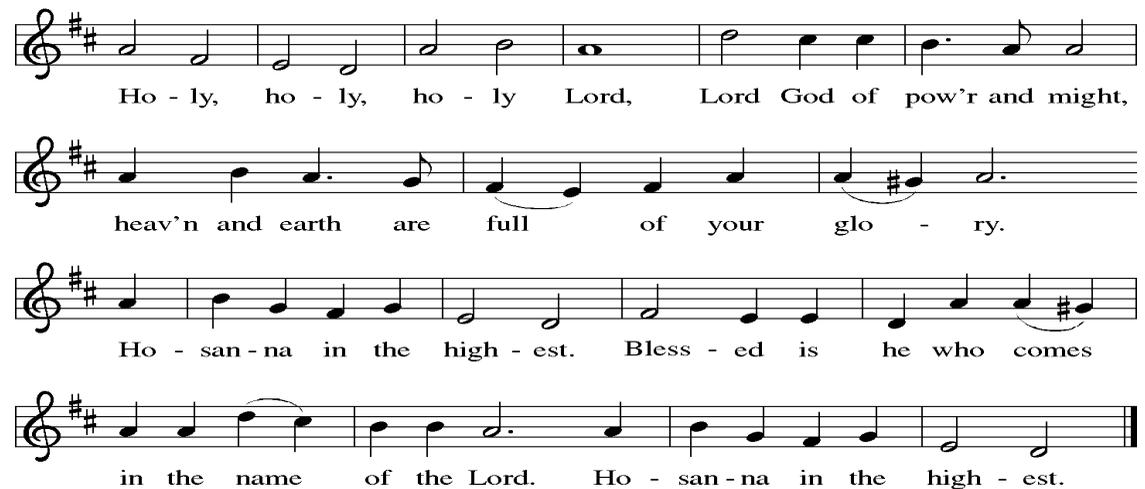


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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 to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,  
our Salvation and our Hope,  
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.  
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,  
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.  
At this end of the ages  
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love  
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await his coming again  
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and wine we share:  
strengthen our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*(Sung call-and-echo)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive; 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.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest!  
Come to the table of peace.