

# **Welcome To Worship**



# WORSHIP

Worship is a big deal to us. Something happens in us and through us when we gather. Jesus said it this way: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." When we gather together for worship we can experience the presence of God in a way that we can't on our own. It isn't just about learning and it certainly isn't about getting God's good Worship is a corporate way to personally experience (be in relationship with) God and others. Welcome!

# GIVE

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## CONNECT

The best way to stay connected to Epiphany is to sign up to receive our twice per week emails we call "Connect". On Tuesday and Friday we send out the latest information about our ministries, worship, events and more.

You can see our most recent emails by scanning this QR Code and following the link. If you wish, you can even sign up to receive Connect for yourself! The sign up form is on the same page. Open your phone's camera and scan the code below to stay connected!







### NFW

If you are new to Epiphany we want to tell you a little about our us. We hope to be a church that focuses on the love of Jesus, invites you to follow Jesus in the way you live and seeks to spread that invitation to all people, including those in LGBTQIA+ community, all family types, ethnicities, ages and social classes. We want to follow Jesus and passionately proclaim that his love is for all. If you wish to know more about our welcome and inclusion statement, visit us here.



We would love to hear a little bit about you. Scan the QR code below for an easy way to let us know what you think or ask us a question.



## Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

Amen.

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

#### Gracious God,

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.

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.

Amen.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

#### ELW #825 You Servants of God



- 1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
- 2 As cend ed on high, al might y to save, yet still he is
- 3 Sal va tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
- 4 Then let us a dore and give him his right, all glo ry and



broad won - der - ful his name; the name, all - vic to - rious, of nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con-gre ga - tion his hon - or loud and the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the pow'r and hon - or wis - dom and might, all and bless-ing, with



glo-rious and ex - tol; his king-dom is rules o - ver all! Je - sus as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to tri-umph shall sing, Je - sus, our king! an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor-ship the Lamb. a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas-ing, and an - gels in - fin - ite love!

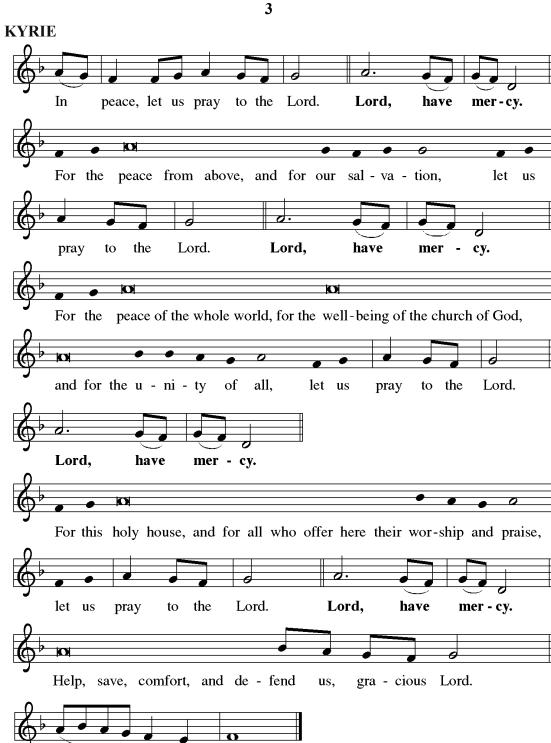
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

#### **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.



men.

A

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please sit

#### **READING** Psalm 22:19-28 (read responsively)

- A A reading from the Psalms.
  - <sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.
  - <sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

- <sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Please stand

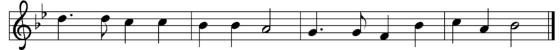
#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

#### GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

- P The Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

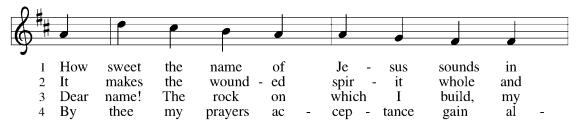
<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

- P The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit **SERMON** 

Please stand

# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #620 v.1-5 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds







5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: St. Peter, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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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.

#### **PRAYERS**

- A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.
- A Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

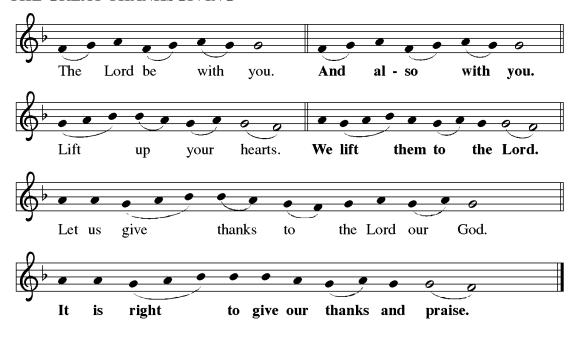
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**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

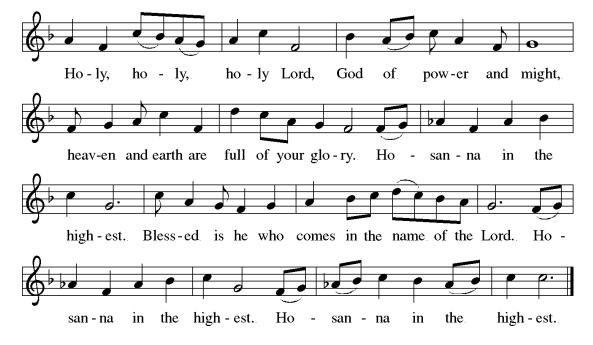
Adult Choir

Proclaim the Mighty Power of God -arr. Larson

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C 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;

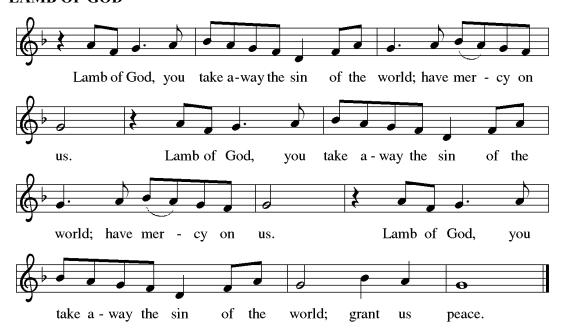
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

#### Please sit LAMB OF GOD



#### **COMMUNION**

All are welcome to share in communion this morning! Gluten-free wafers are available if needed. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like to have communion brought to you in the pew, please don't hesitate to raise your hand to catch the traveling server's attention and also let the usher know. If you have questions about communion, contact Pastor Brad at: pastorbrad@epiphany-lutheran.com.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### ELW #623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
- 2 Not the la bors of my hands can ful fill thy law's de mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye lids close in death,



blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, let the wa - ter and the know, could my tears for - ev - er could my zeal res - pite flow. no Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace; when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. he of the all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone. foul. I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or die. A - ges, cleft for me. Rock of let me hide my - self in thee.

Please stand

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of the bread and wine that we have shared, strengthen us and unite us in bonds of love and peace.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- C Amen

# Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### ELW #768 Lead Me, Guide Me



#### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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