

Eucharist

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

Chancel Choir

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON

*For gifts abundant and for grace abounding, we give you thanks, generous God.
Bless the gifts we bring today. Use these gifts and our lives to be your gift of grace
to others. Amen.*

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also 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.*

The people may be seated.

...We look with hope for his coming. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

...Bring the gift of peace on earth. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

...one God, now and forever. *Amen. #568*

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - UNISON

*We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of this table—precious, prayerful, and
poignant—like gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Lead us forth by your light to share
the gifts of your grace with all people everywhere, giving glory, honor, and praise
to Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen*

STAR WORDS FOR 2020 (See small insert: Star Words Ritual for 2020)

Sending

*HYMN #150

“AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD”

Dix, 1858

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

...be with you all. *Alleluia!*

Go and tell this good news of great joy:
to us a Savior is born. *Amen.*

*CLOSING RESPONSE: #155 *“RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS”*

Jubilate Deo

*POSTLUDE

Selected

EPIPHANY



*“When they saw the star had
stopped, they were overwhelmed
with joy.” Matthew 2:10*

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Epiphany of Our Lord

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 5, 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 3:6 NIV

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of the Magi and the Shepherds, grant us courage to follow your ways of true freedom.
Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“WINTER SNOW”

Selected
Rev. Michele R. Goff
Katie Hurst

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

Arise, shine—for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines upon us.
From far-flung lands, people stream to the light.
We come, drawn toward the brightness of dawn.
Lift up your eyes and see: the faithful gather together.
Our hearts rejoice as we greet the Lord with praise!

*HYMN #116

“SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND” Anglo-Irish Carol, 1860

PRAYER OF THE DAY

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION - UNISON

SILENT REFLECTION (First in silence and then together)

*God of glory, your light shines throughout the earth, scattering the gloom.
You make yourself known to all people and gather multitudes into the brightness of your dawn: the powerful and the wretched, the penniless and the rich, the children of faraway places and the children of this land.
Yet, we do not delight in the diversity of your realm and fail to welcome strangers into our midst. When we claim there is no room for others in your sacred places, when we deny grace because of status or circumstance, when we guard your blessing as if it were ours alone, forgive us. Expand our constricting hearts, and help us draw the welcome circle wider, until our communities radiate your glory and grace.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Doubting disciples and faithful followers, cradle Christians and seeking souls—
God claims us as heirs of the kingdom, embraces us as beloved children, and lavishes upon us the riches of grace. Hear the good news of the gospel—in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. ***This promise belongs to us, because we belong to Christ!***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all; ***And also with you.***

*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Word

ANTHEM

“I AM LIGHT” (BY INDIA ARIE)

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

Bibles,p.649/LG.p.844

And the Word became flesh and lived among us. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Bibles, p.1/ LG. p.2

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

“FOLLOWING THE STAR”

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

*HYMN #146

“GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD”

Cook, 1919

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27

***The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy
Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...the Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER - UNISON

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.