

# Sunday Worship Service – January 19, 2025

Worship texts written by Pastor Dennis – indicated by \*

## Welcome and Announcements

## A Moment of Reflection

### Call to Worship \*

The steadfast love of God extends to the heavens,

**the faithfulness of God extends to the clouds.**

The righteousness of God is like the mighty mountains,

**God’s judgments are like the great deep.**

The steadfast love of God is precious!

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of God’s wings.**

We gather to worship, to feast on God’s abundance,

**we gather to drink from the river of God’s delights.**

With God is the fountain of life;

**in God’s light, we see light.**

### Gathering Hymn *“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”* #312

1. **Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana’s wedding, speak and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.**
2. **Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.**
3. **Jesus, come in new creation, heav’n brought near in pow’r divine;  
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—come, our first and greatest Sign!**
4. **Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!**

### Opening the Epiphany Treasure Chest \*

On this Second Sunday after the Epiphany we bring forth this symbol,  
a sign of the revelation of Christ who is present in our midst  
as we gather on this day.

*(The symbol is removed from the box and placed on the table. An explanation  
of the symbol is given.)*

## Confession and Forgiveness <sup>1</sup>

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise *"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"* #531

1. **The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.**  
**The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

*Refrain:* **Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.**  
**Come and revel in heaven's love and light.**  
**Take your place at the table of the King.**  
**The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.**

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<sup>1</sup> *Confession and Forgiveness* from *Sundays and Seasons* © Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, MN

2. **Tables are laden with good things;  
oh taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine;  
he'll turn your water into wine. *(Refrain)***
3. **The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *(Refrain)***

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still until her righteousness shines out like a light, and her salvation blazes like a torch. Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory.

You will be called by a new name, which the LORD's own mouth will determine. You will be a splendid garland in the LORD's hand, a royal turban in the palm of God's hand. You will no longer be called Abandoned, and your land will no longer be called Deserted. Instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land, Married.

Because the LORD delights in you, your land will be cared for once again. As a young man marries a young woman, so your sons will marry you. With the joy of a bridegroom because of his bride, so your God will rejoice because of you.

Here ends the reading.

**Inspire our understanding, Spirit of God.**

### **Prayer for Illumination \***

**Empowering God, we do not want to be uninformed or led astray.  
Send your Spirit to lead us to understanding as we hear from scriptures  
and reflect on the meaning of your word for our lives.  
Like water that was turned into wine,  
transform the dullness of our thoughts into full-bodied insight,  
and enliven our faith that we will boldly proclaim that Jesus is Lord!  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Here ends the reading.

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### **Gospel Acclamation \* *"From the True Light"***

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! From the true Light there arises for us the light which illumines our darkened eyes.**

**And his glory shines upon the world and enlightens the very depths of the abyss. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11**

The holy gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water,” and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter,” and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn’t know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, “Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now.” This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon: God Made Manifest**

#### **Hymn of the Day “*Sing of God Made Manifest*”<sup>2</sup> (tune #876)**

1. **Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold - grave and God and king foretold.**
2. **Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign dove-like Spirit, voice divine  
hailed the true anointed one: “This is my beloved Son.”**
3. **Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

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<sup>2</sup> Text by Carl P. Daw, Jr. © 1990 Hope Publishing Company

**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 of Intercession**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations, especially St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church, and Community of Christ Church. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Source of wisdom, we pray for leaders of nations, and for those who serve us in governments, that all people may work for peace and justice. May the ceasefire in Gaza hold firm that there be true respite from the trauma of war might be experienced by those trapped in that region. We pray that peace would come to the people of Ukraine, and all peoples threatened by war and violence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially...*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)*

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

**Give us today our daily bread.**

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

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Offering / Offertory Prayer \***

*An offering plate is placed on the altar.*

Miracle worker, you turned water into wine, enabling a wedding celebration to continue in its fullness. You continue to work miracles among your people, transforming lives with renewed hope. Transform these simple gifts we offer that they become an overflowing taste of your gracious realm shared with others, both near and far. Amen.

**Sending Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #840**

1. **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
2. **Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**
3. **All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**Blessing \***

Know that God delights in you, and will never forsake you.  
Trust that Christ transforms worry into peace, fear into love.  
Live empowered by God's Spirit,  
contributing your giftedness to the common good.  
May the blessing of the triune God pour out upon you,  
saturating with God's grace this day, and always.

**Benediction Song “*May the Grace of Christ Attend Us*”** (#963 Voices United)

**May the grace of Christ attend us, and the love of God surround us,  
And the Holy Spirit keep us, now and ever. Amen.**

**Commission**

Go in peace, inspired by Christ to love and serve.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** – Joshua Hendricksen