
Traditional Worship Guide

3rd Sunday after Epiphany ❖ January 26, 2025

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) *"This Little Light of Mine"* Chancel Choir

WELCOME & BETHANY'S MISSION

P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,
we seek to live our mission of:

C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

HYMN: *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*..... # **886**

A LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

P: In the Wilderness, John the Baptist proclaimed the hope of
the Messiah.

C: **May we hear this message of hope.**

P: At His baptism, Jesus was proclaimed Son of God.

C: **At our baptisms, we were named children of God.**

P: In the waters of the Jordan, the Jesus was baptized and the
Spirit descended on Him.

C: **We thank God for the Spirit we receive at baptism.**

P: At Nazareth, Jesus proclaimed that he was the fulfillment of
God's prophetic will to save.

C: **We thank God for our salvation; for God's grace; and
for the freedom given to us in Jesus Christ.**

P: Let us rejoice in this grace we have received.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be
written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may
hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that,
comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold
fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

BIBLE READING *Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10* Bible, pg. 761

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand*)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4: 14-21* Bible, pg. 1596

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

*After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to
the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.*

HYMN: *"Christ, Be Our Light"*..... # **715**

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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 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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.

HYMN: “*Sweet Hour of Praer*”

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight.
In my immortal flesh I'll rise
To seize the everlasting prize.
And shout while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response after each petition:

P: Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(together)*

BENEDICTION

HYMN: “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*” # **551**

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
We go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favour to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn.
And set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream;
And help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ;
To scatter joy like seed
And, all our days to cherish life;
To do the loving deed
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace;
The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit it has empower'd us; We go in Jesus name.

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DISMISSAL

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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Christ, Be Our Light

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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