

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Aid for January 19th, 2025 at 10:15 am



Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Nativity: an inclusive faith community, following the way of Jesus to nourish the body, mind, and spirit of the people of our south metro communities and beyond.

Nativity Episcopal Church is committed to practice the way of love. We follow Jesus' example of radical hospitality as we celebrate God's presence in all people. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community.

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Happy 2025 and welcome to Epiphany Season at Nativity

We welcome you to our Sunday Worship at Nativity Episcopal Church. As we gather weekly for formation, worship, community and good coffee and conversation, here are some tidbits of information about our liturgical season of Epiphany.

First, the formal one:

Epiphany Season:

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season. (episcopalchurch.org)

Now, the less formal one:

This year, Nativity celebrated the Epiphany on January 5 and the Epiphany Season is about as long as it can be – it includes 9 Sundays and runs until March 4 (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday). Lent officially begins on Wednesday, March 5 (we will have noon and 7pm services). If you are wondering, Easter is April 20 :).

Throughout this season, you will hear stories from Luke's Gospel about the daily life of Jesus. The liturgical color of the season is Green, a time of growth (even in the deep MN winter). Epiphany means Manifestation or Insight and while it begins with the Magi seeing Jesus and Jesus welcoming them, the season gives us opportunities to hear the stories of Jesus' followers and how they "see" him differently. How God comes alive to them as they learn from him, journey with him, pray with him and share the Good News.

Welcome to the Season of Epiphany at Nativity!!

Nativity Episcopal Church Leadership
 The Rev. Dana Fath Strande, Rector
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 The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
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Next Week: January 26th

Lector	
Prayer Leader	
Eucharistic Minister	Phyllis Rowley & Marguerite Kirchhoff
Usher (x2)	
Announcements	
Tech	Elliot

OPENING HYMN

Christ is the World's True Light (Hymnal 542)

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;



the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;



new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;



free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.**

Amen.

Presider: God of all time,
we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world
with the glorious light of your presence.
A light which made your love for the world visible
in the babe born in Bethlehem—
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.
A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar
to find and worship the Christ-child.
A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.
We pray that you will accept our worship
for it arises from hearts and minds
in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.
In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 62:1-5

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 36:5-10

There are 4 measures to the chant, spread out over 2 verses then repeated. The first note is held for most of the line until the underline signals moving to next note.



- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your de-lights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE TIME

All children and youth are invited to go with a Children & Youth ministry volunteer during the sermon and prayers.

SERMON

The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman

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Deacon: Let us declare our faith in God.

Presider and All:

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son,
he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 PEOPLE

Deacon: O Lord Jesus Christ, guide us in our journey to you, and bring us to the truth of your salvation. Open our eyes to see your divinity, awaken our hearts to your love for us, and free us to worship you with all our being.

Silence may be kept.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have taught us to pray for our needs and for those of others. We ask you this day to bless and keep all who serve you in your Universal Church. We ask your blessing on Sean our Presiding Bishop and Craig our bishop. We ask your blessing on all of us at Nativity. Watch over our ministries, care for our faithful, guide our work in Building Our Future. Bless your Church of the Province of the West Indies and Saint Peter's Parishes in Kass Lake, Kasson, and Warroad. Hold in your love all who gather to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We ask this of you, O Christ.

All: **Hear us, we pray.**

Leader: Shine your light upon the leaders of all nations, Lord Jesus. Teach them the way of compassion. Guide them by the light of your own humility and courage. We ask this of you, O Christ.

All: **Hear us, we pray.**

Leader: May your many gifts to us prompt us to treasure your work of creation, that we will tend to this earth and the creatures that live upon it, that we may preserve your generous gifts, and that we may see each part of our world for the holy blessing that it is. We ask this of you, O Christ.

All: **Hear us, we pray.**

Leader: In your goodness, Lord Jesus, helper of all humankind, be with those many who have need of you. Stand with those who are oppressed, guide those who are searching for meaning, comfort and strengthen those who are ill or in pain of any kind. We pray today especially for...are there others?

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Savior of the world, be with those in need.

All: **Hear us, we pray.**

Leader: Give to these departed eternal rest...are there others?

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Grant them continual growth in your love. Hold them and those who mourn them in your tender care. And we pray for those whose life is near its end...are there others?

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: We ask these blessings from you, O Christ.

All: **Hear us, we pray.**

Deacon: Glad and glorious Father in heaven, Jesus Christ, Savior and Redeemer, Holy Indwelling Spirit, our Advocate and guide, one God in every time, now and always, hear these our fervent prayers and bless us your faithful servants. We ask this today.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our Neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God.**

**We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us and forgive us;

That we may delight in your will,

And walk in your ways,

To the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OR ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A BLESSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The Presider invites the gifts of the congregation, with these or other words

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Presider: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **AMEN**

Presider: And now, as our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say;

Presider and All:

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for



days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

INVITATION

Presider: So come to this table,
 you who have much faith
 and you who would like to have more;
 you who have been here often
 and you who have not been for a long time;
 you who have tried to follow Jesus,
 and you who have failed;
 Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the people of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
 with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Received the Living God



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



1. Je - sus said: "I am the Bread Knead - ed
2. Je - sus said: "I am the Way, And my
3. Je - sus said: "I am the Truth; If you
4. Je - sus said: "I am the Life Far from



long to give you life; You who will par - take of
 Fa - ther longs for you; So I come to bring you
 fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
 whom no thing can grow, But re - ceive this liv - ing



me Need not ev - er fear to die."
 home To be one with him a - new."
 heart, And my word shall make you free."
 bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and All:

**Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world.
 May our lips that have sung your praise,
 always speak the truth.
 May our ears which have heard your Word,
 listen to where there is fear and pain.
 May our bodies which have been fed at your table,
 take love and peace as we walk in the world as your light.
 May our daily life reveal and rejoice in your loving presence.
 Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider: May Christ, the Son of God,
be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always

All: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TODAY AT NATIVITY

Jigsaw Puzzle & Book Exchange
After coffee hour – Sunday, Jan. 19th

WEEKLY AT NATIVITY

Community Café
5-6pm – Wednesdays

Handbell & Choir
5 & 6pm – Tuesdays

Adult Forum
9am – Sundays

Evening Prayer
6pm – Wednesdays

UPCOMING

Annual Meeting
12pm – Sunday, February 2nd

Bishop Craig Loya Preaching & Presiding
10:15am – Sunday, February 16th

Parish Potluck
After Service – Sunday, February 16th

