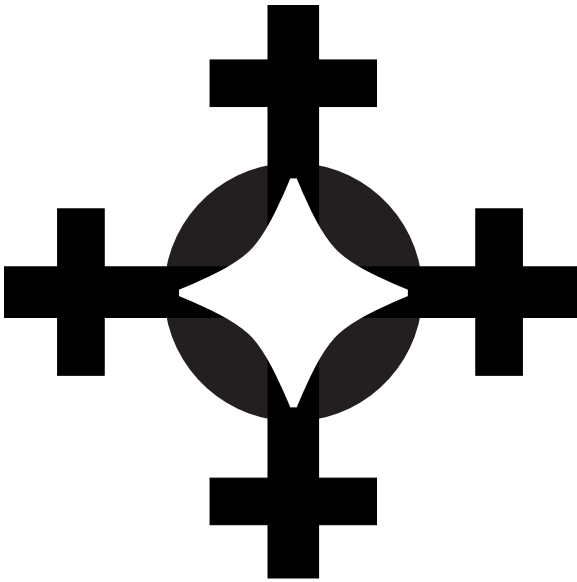


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Epiphany Season
January 18, 2011

Covenant Renewal Worship

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Epiphany Season

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 21:1-5

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Revelation 21:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

From Bethlehem has come a ruler who will
shepherd his people Israel;

Matthew 2:6

**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to
the ends of the earth!**

Psalms 72:8

May desert tribes bow down before him;

Psalms 72:9

And His enemies lick the dust!

Wise men from the east came and worshipped him,

Matthew 2:11

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him
tribute.**

Psalms 72:10-11

May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth: all your works praise you in all places of your dominion, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son. Therefore, we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humbly confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Christ our Savior to grant us forgiveness: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, since you have given your one and only Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake grant me forgiveness for all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is good, right, and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory so that knowing you in the Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love you and your people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†The Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven 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.

†Hymn #219 “Blessing and honor and glory”

Trinity Hymnal

The OT Reading: *Song of Solomon 5:10–6:10* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

This is the Word of the Lord!

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Epiphany Hymn “The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

**The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav’nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.**

**The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.**

**Within the Jordan’s sacred flood
The heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.**

**And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne’er bestowed.**

**For this His glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent. tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. ANGELUS LM; Georg Joseph, 17th cent

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:12-22*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The *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!

Sermon Text: *Song of Solomon 5:10–6:10*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: THE PASSIONATE PASTOR

†Hymn #125 “My heart doth overflow”

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer for the Church

O God, in mercy remember your inheritance, and do not forget
your beloved church. You are our Redeemer and the one who lifts

up our head, and under the shadow of your wings we shall find our shelter and our rest.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Preserve, O God, your church in holiness and truth, in unity and peace. May she ever advance the honor of her Lord, forever represent His sacrifice, glorify His Person, and advance His kingdom, that being accepted by you, and filled with the Spirit, she may partake of her Lord's glory.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all Christian rulers and magistrates; grant that people may obey them, and that they may obey you. Especially we pray for our President and Congress, that they might conform their judgments more and more to your holy law, and further your kingdom in this world, the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give to your servants, pastors, elders and deacons, the spirit of patience and humility, of holiness and diligence, of prudence and courage, to declare your will by a pure life and wise words, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find the reward of the Master's approval at His coming.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by your comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity [*here the presbyters may offer sentence prayers*].

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give unto our enemies your forgiveness, charity towards us, and love for Thee. Bring the nations to repentance, and all your saints to perfect love and holiness; bring the world to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and all the benefits of His passion; to the glory of His name.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn "The Hope of faith"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter



1. The hope of faith shall not de-ceive us;



The Sav-iour's words are true and sure.



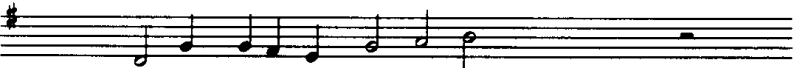
Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,



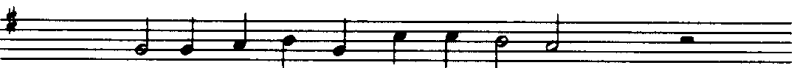
But Je-sus' faith-ful-ness en-dures.



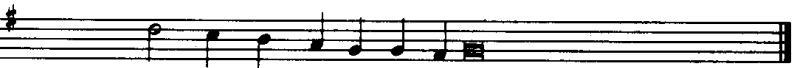
Who lim-its His do-min-ion ev-er?



He rules cre-a-tion from on high;



All that His love and grace en-deav-our



Shall Him His pow-er not de-ny.

2. That hope must soften all our sorrow.
 Come, fellow-pilgrims, heads then high;
 For those who bide salvation's morrow
 The hills are level, seas are dry.
 O blessedness above all measure,
 O joy when once all grief is banned.
 There is our heart, there is our treasure,
 When we are in the Promised Land.

Communion in the Body & Blood of Our Lord

†Hymn of Praise: #197 "The day of resurrection"

Trinity Hymnal

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you who govern all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant us patience to wait for your sure promises all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #124 “At the Name of Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

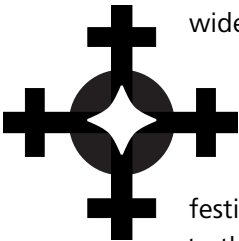
†Hymn “Now Blessed be the Lord our God (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

**Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel,
For he alone doth wondrous works
In glory that excel.**

**And blessed be his glorious Name
To all eternity:
The whole earth let his glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.**

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

To the Four Corners of the Earth (*Front Cover*)



The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church’s world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings—as the crucified and risen Lord.