

Epiphany

January 6, 2019
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

O God, whose infinite mercies in our blessed Savior encourage us to call upon You; We beseech You graciously to hear us; and grant that we may both perceive and know what is Your good, and acceptable, and perfect will revealed to us, and also have grace and power to faithfully fulfill the same, that we may present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Rinck

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12 (ESV)

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away; that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

"Shout, and sing for joy; O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

*Hymn No. 226

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradlebed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon (unison)

Almighty God, we bow before you and before your Son, our Savior, Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We rejoice in the light that he has brought into the world—into our own hearts—and we carry on the song that the angels sang as they announced his birth: “Glory to God in the highest!”

But as we lift our voices in praise, we also bow our hearts in confession. It was for our sin that Jesus came. God, the Son, emptied himself of his divine privileges and took upon himself our humanity. He delivered us from the bondage of sin and gave us new hope.

It is God with us—Emmanuel—who makes us what he would have us to be. The joyous announcement that we now bring to the world is that proclamation that God and sinners have been reconciled; the Prince of Peace has come!

We lift our hearts! We lift up our voices! We rejoice because Jesus is our Lord and King! Amen.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.2

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man’s nature,¹ with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin;² being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.³ So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably jointed together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.⁴ Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.⁵

¹ Jn 1:1, 14; 1 Jn 5:20; Phil. 2:6; Gal. 4:4 ² Heb. 2:14, 16, 17; Heb. 4:15

³ Lk. 1:27, 31, 35; Gal. 4:4 ⁴ Lk. 1:35; Col. 2:9; Rom. 9:5; 1 Pe. 3:18; 1 Tim. 3:16

⁵ Rom. 1:3, 4; 1 Tim. 2:5

*Hymn No. 211

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

English melody

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright,
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a feeding, in tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God’s People and the Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

All Is Well

arr. Huff
Jeff Soule, Bass soloist

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoiced. We rejoice darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alle, sing alleluia. Lift up your voice and sing...He is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia! All is well. All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, God and tell that he has come to us. Sing alle, sing alleluia! All is well...lift up your voice and sing. He has come, Emmanuel. He is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia! All is well.

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:10-17

(Pew Bible, pg. 514)

Sing to the LORD a New Song

¹⁰ Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.

¹¹ Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the top of the mountains.

¹² Let them give glory to the LORD,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

¹³ The LORD goes out like a mighty man,
like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;
he cries out, he shouts aloud,
he shows himself mighty against his foes.

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

Sermon

“A New Song”

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Dundee

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
 He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.
 Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
 He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.
 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
 Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.
 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
 Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.
 His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
 The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
 Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 431

A Parting Hymn We Sing

Schumann

A parting hymn we sing around your table, Lord;
 Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.
 Here have we seen your face, and felt your presence here;
 So may the savor of your grace in word and life appear.
 We're purchased by your blood, by sin no longer let;
 The path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.
 In self-forgetting love he our communion shown,
 Until we join the church above, and know as we are known.

*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)

Danish

Postlude

Concerto in A Minor, First Movement

Vivaldi-Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

The Christmas Card box is on the narthex table.**The Tuesday morning Women's and Men's Bible Studies** will begin again on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at the church.**The Tuesday evening Women's Bible Study** will start a new book study, John McArthur's Colossians & Philemon, on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.**Thursday is the deadline** to sign up for the youth group family Ice Skating and Pizza party event on Sunday the 13th from noon to 4 PM.**Choir practice** will resume on Thursday, January 10th at 7:30 PM.**This Week at Aisquith**

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship and the Lord's Supper
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies (at the church)

	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Choir practice
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00-4:00 PM	Youth Group skating & pizza event

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