



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

God, wonderful counselor,

**we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

God's loving kindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**      *The First Noel*      (Red Hymnal # 300)

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**      (Red Hymnal p. 147)  
**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**      (Red Hymnal p. 148)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. **Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – North New Hope**      (Red Hymnal p. 151)  
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - FAITH: Celtic Alleluia**      (Red Hymnal # 174)  
**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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Pastor Michael Peuse

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *We Three Kings of Orient Are*      (Blue Hymnal # 646)

**CREED**      (Red Hymnal p. 104)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*      (Red Hymnal # 184)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. **As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**      (Red Hymnal p. 152)

## PREFACE

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**      (Red Hymnal p. 153)

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

## COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. **As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*      (Red Hymnal # 275)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**