

Jesus  
appears  
to the  
world.

# Epiphany

**MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 18th, 2026 8:30 and 11 am  
Holy Communion, Rite Two**

## **Worship Changes for Epiphany.**

The Epiphany means both “appearing”, i.e. the first appearance of the Son of God to Gentiles with the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, and also, the popular understanding of having an “epiphany” like getting an idea or insight out of the blue. Our Worship Cover Art depicts several of the stained glass windows at Messiah depicting Jesus’ appearing to the world, from the Nativity to the Baptism of Christ, to Jesus’ revelation to Peter as the Messiah of God. We Gentile believers are those grafted into the purposes of God by the sheer unmerited grace of Jesus Christ that includes even us.

In Epiphany we will also return to Eucharitic Prayer A and Prayer Form VI. Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer, your clergy will guide you.

With every blessing,

Dave+

PS - We will now print all the assigned readings from the Lectionary for each Sunday. In Advent and Lent we will read the Old Testament reading, Psalm and Gospel; the rest of the year we will read the Epistle reading, Psalm and Gospel. The preacher may refer to a Lectionary reading even if not read that day.

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand.*

## OPENING HYMN

## All Glory, Laud, And Honor

*Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #154 All Glory, Laud, And Honor*

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ပဝါဒ်အုံကလ္လားလို့  
လာထုတော်မှုန့်နှုန်းလို့,  
တို့လားကပို့

## Hymnal #154

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #355.*

*Leader* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All**    **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

# COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known...  
...and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## SONGS OF PRAISE

## *Living Hope*

1. How great the cha - sm that lay between us. How high the  
 2. Who could im - ag - ine so great a mer - cy? What heart could

moun - tain I could not climb. In des-per - a - tion I turned to  
 fath - om such bound-less grace? The God of ag - es stepped down from

heav - en and spoke Your name in - to thenight. Then through the  
 glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has

dark - ness Your lov - ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my  
 spo - ken; I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His

soul. The work is fin - ished, the end is writ - ten, Je - sus  
 own. Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus

1 D.C. (To V. 2) 2 Chorus

Christ my liv - ing hope. hope. Hal-le - lu - - jah, praise the

One who set me free! Hal-le - lu - - jah, death has lost its grip on me! You have

bro-ken ev-ery chain, There's sal - va-tion in Your name. Je-sus Christ, my liv - ing  
 3 D.S. (repeat Chorus) 4 Verse 3  
 hope. Hal-le - hope. 3. Then came the morn-ing that sealed the  
 prom - ise, your bur-ied bod - y be-gan to breathe. Out of the  
 5 repeat Verse 3  
 si - lence, the Roar-ing Li - on de-clared the grave has no claim on me.  
 6 D.S. (Chorus)  
 me. Je-sus, Yours is the vic - to - ry! Hal-le

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## Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;  
 Your boundless love, unfailing, grace and mercy shown.  
 Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;  
 They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus      Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
                  Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail \_\_, helpless in the storm.  
 Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
 Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Chorus      Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
                  Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,  
 Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;  
 Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
 Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

Chorus      Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
                  Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Please stand.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Leader The Lord be with you.

All      And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light...  
 ...and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

All      Amen.

All sit.

## THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

(OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      (Isaiah 49:1-7)

Bible OT p. 679)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (I Corinthians 1:1-9)

Bible NT p. 165-166

*Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 165.*

*After the reading:*

Reader The word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

PSALTER: Psalm 40:1-12 (read responsively by whole verse)

**BCP p. 640-641**

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #640.*

*All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Listen, God Is Calling*

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom is in bass clef. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is 2/4. The music is divided into two sections: a leader section and an all section. The leader section starts with a single note, followed by a series of eighth notes. The all section follows with a series of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Lis-ten, Lis-ten, God is call-ing, through the Word in - vit - ing, of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy. joy.' The score includes a 'Refrain' label above the leader section and a '1. 2.' label above the all section.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

(John 1:29-42)

*Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 92.*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

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

*After the reading:*

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit.*

THE SERMON

the Rev. Jeckonia Okoth

*All stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

**BCP p. 358**

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**All** We believe in one God...

... and the life of the world to come. Amen

*Please kneel as you are able.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM VI

**BCP p. 392-393**

*All stand.*

ABSOLUTION & PEACE

**BCP p. 360**

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

**All** And also with you.

**Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.**

*Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.*

*All sit.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

*Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2*

*The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### *I Will Wait For You*

1. Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

2. Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied

3. So, put Your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave

4. His steadfast love has made a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight

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*All stand as offering is brought forward.*

*Leader All things come from you, O God.*

**All And from your own have we given you.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP p. 361**

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 361*

*Leader The Lord be with you.*

**All And also with you.**

*Leader Lift up your hearts.*

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

*Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always...*

*...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



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God  
of hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your  
glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - - - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Leader Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...  
...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Leader We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...  
... 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. **AMEN.**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your Name, your king-dom  
come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-  
give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men. A - men.

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance ...

... and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.

8:30 am service: Healing team members Dick Guiton and Deb Baird are available for prayer during communion.

11 am service: Healing team members Walter McManus and Anne McManus are available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slanger and Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### O Come To The Altar

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4



1. Are you hurt-ing and bro-ken with-in, o-verwhelmed  
2. Leave be-hind your re-grets and mis-takes, come to-day;  
3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; tell the world



by the weight of your sin? Je-sus is call-ing.  
there's no rea-son to wait. Je-sus is call-ing.  
of the trea-sure you've found. Fine

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Have you come to the end of your-self, do you thirst for a drink from the well? Je-sus is call-ing. es a new life is born. Je-sus is call-ing.

O come to the al-tar; the Fa-ther's arms are o - pen wide.

For-give-ness was bought with the pre-cious blood of Je-sus Christ.

Oh, what a Sav - ior, Bow down be - fore him,

is - n't he won - der - ful; sing al - le - ful; sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en.

5 Repeat Bridge D.S. al Coda (To Chorus)

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### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal #324

At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

### Nothing But The Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2. For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Chorus  
Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

3. This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

4. Glory glory this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Robert Lowey, pub.1876

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.*

*Leader* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members

... with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

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### THE BLESSING

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*The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

### CLOSING HYMN

#### At The Name Of Jesus

**Hymnal #435**

*Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #435 At The Name Of Jesus*

### THE DISMISSAL

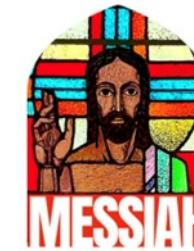
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*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.*

*Leader* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All* Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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