

Communion Response: (Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Table for Epiphany by Moira Laidlaw as posted on <https://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>)

Holy Lord, God of endless love,
heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.
The angels sang of it—we have been lavished with it.
Blessed is he who was born that we might have life.
Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service.

We also thank:

Advent Display: Ken Guerin

Altar Guild & Communion Preparation: Vera Baker

Hands of Display: Pastor Erin, Anna-Lee Thompson, Alyssa Guerin, Ella Butcher, and Tracy Woodfield

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:

Epiphany Children's Message with Pastor Erin: "The Three Kings"

We'll be celebrating Epiphany during our virtual worship service today. On Epiphany we remember who Jesus was revealed to be and the Wise Ones who celebrated. To get in the Epiphany spirit, check out this children's message.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR9qYhb1Rpk&feature=youtu.be>

12 Days of Boar's Head Began January 1

Visit <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/>

For a new video each day.

Got prayer requests?

If you have a joy, concern, or prayer request you would like to add to our virtual prayer tree, email prayers@trinityspringfield.org. Those prayer requests will be added to the hidden prayer tree page on Trinity's website. For access, see the Thursday Thoughts email newsletter. Let us keep one another in prayer at this time.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday ~ January 10, 2021

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Opening Hymn: "We Three Kings" Kings of Orient

Greeting & Epiphany Prayer: **

Introit: "Carol of the Children" J. Rutter

Prayer of Supplication: **

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven
Hallowed by 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
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music: "The Wondrous Story" D. Besig

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon: "A Light in the Darkness"

Special Music: "Christmas Angels" L. Larson
Devon and Borys Bakum

Holy Communion: *

Closing Response: "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come" L. Larson

Benediction

Postlude: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" arr. S. Hays
Cally Seyler, trumpet and Steve Hays, piano

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part**

Epiphany Prayer: (*John van de Laar, on his excellent Sacredise website*).

It's always been about the light with you,
hasn't it, Jesus?
Magi, braving distance and desert to find you,
and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation,
allowed light to be their guide,
And it is still the light that calls us to you;
the light of beauty that whispers its truth
in surprising ways and places;
the light of compassion that kneels,
and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet;
the light of joy that glows
even in the darkness of grief and suffering;
the light that seeks to shine within us,
and through us into the dark corners of our world.

It's always been about the light with you, Jesus;
and it's always about the light for us.

Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness
and into your marvelous light. Amen.

Prayer of Supplication: (*For the Human Family, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815, modified*)

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Magi, who risked everything to follow a Shining Star. Open our hearts to the receiving of your gift of Love that you offer to us in Jesus Christ. Look with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, and those in our nation's capital; take away the arrogance, hatred and lies which infect our hearts; shine your light into the hopeless and unjust places of our world, break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through the darkness of our struggles and confusion to set us free and accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in time, all nations and races may live in peace and harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Prince of Peace. Amen.