

The Epiphany of our Lord
January 7, 2018
Theme: "The Glory of Jesus Shines Among us"

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*Gathering Song: **"What star is this"** BoP #170

*Call to Worship & God's Greeting:

Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
**Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
**Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.**
The sun shall be no more your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.
**For the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Song verse: **"Arise, your light is come"** (vs 1) BoP#712

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of power and might, grace and love,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ,
sharing our joy and sorrow,
manifesting your greatness in the child in the manger.
And so we praise you for your love

which is great enough to embrace the universe,
yet close enough to enter our hearts.
During our worship,
surprise us with your grace
that we, with the rest of the church
and the whole creation, may praise and adore you,
O God, our Creator and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

In recalling all that God is and does we become aware of who we are
and what we have done. Let us confess together our sins:

**God of mercy and loving-kindness,
you sent Christ among us
to be the light of the world
and to reveal your love to all people.
We confess that our sins and pride
hide the brightness of your light;
we waste our gifts,
we ignore cries for justice,
and we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us and make us new. Amen**

Song verse: **"Arise, your light is come"** (vs 4) BoP #712

Youth message: "Seeking Jesus"

Song: **"We three kings"** BoP # 173

GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

The Reading of Scripture:

Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12;

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Grace Shines Among us"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: **“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”** BoP # 175

Prayers of God's People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”** BoP#79

WE LEAVE WITH CHRISTMAS JOY

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn:

“What child is this”

BoP #161

