



January 16, 2022
Second Sunday of Epiphany
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Cleansing the Temple

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Holy God, Holy and Glorious

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

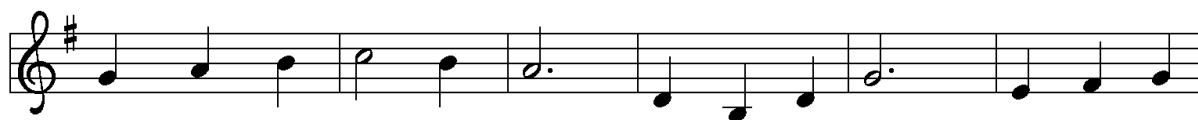
+GATHERING SONG

Drawn to the Light

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1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

silence for reflection

ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

ONE: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

+HYMN OF LIGHT

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Aaron David Miller

1) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2) Hide it under a bushel? Are you crazy?!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? Are you crazy?!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? Are you crazy?!
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3) Won't let anyone (blow) it out!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone (blow) it out!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone (blow) it out!
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4) Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray. Holy God, today we remember Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s struggle for equality, justice, and dignity for African Americans that inspired so many other reform movements that seek to highlight the plight of the oppressed in society.

MANY: We pray that all of those in civil and religious authority be reminded that we all have been created in your image, and that there is an intrinsic dignity in each of us that calls for uplifting every man and woman, young and old.

ONE: We pray that your Holy Spirit remind us all that you show no partiality with regards to nationality, race, ethnicity, or gender, and to do so is to go against your great commandment of love toward one another.

MANY: We pray that the church will not be complicit in injustice by being silent, but that it can rise up with a prophetic voice that speaks truth to power and advances the values of your Kingdom.

ONE: We pray these things in the name of our blessed redeemer, Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-25

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

ONE: Jesus is the light of the world.

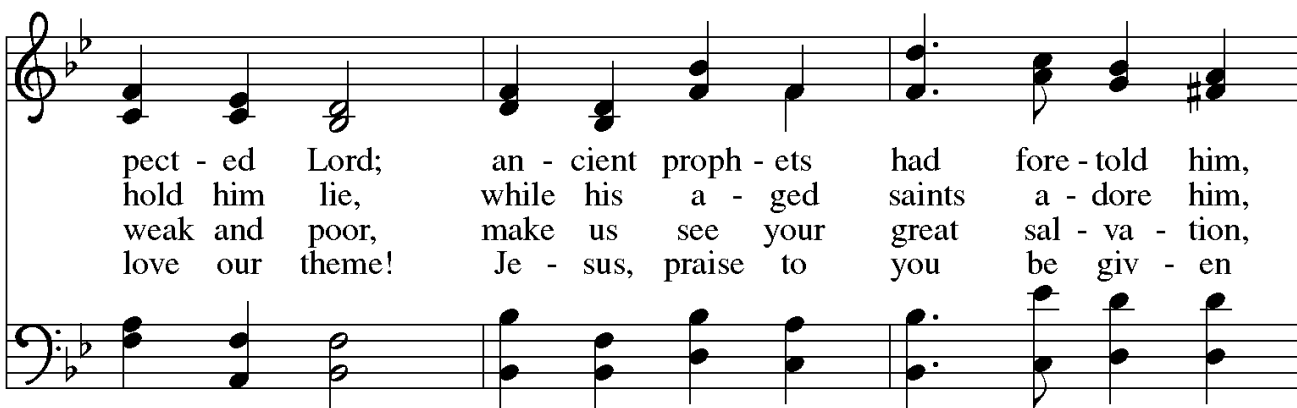
MANY: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
 2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
 3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
 4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
 hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
 weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
 love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
 ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
 by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
 in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
 and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

+APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day Jesus rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. AMEN**

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: As we celebrate the Light of Christ throughout the world, let us lift our prayers on behalf of all God's creation, every nation, all peoples, the church, and those among us who are in special need.

silence

ONE: We see the darkness of war, violence and divisions - between races, parties and neighbors.

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Let your love reconcile.

ONE: We see shadows of injustice - in governments, economics and laws.

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Let your love bring justice.

ONE: We see confusion and apathy fill your people, communities and the church.

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Let your love activate your people.

ONE: We see doubt and illness infect body, mind and soul, and we name before you now people we know in need of your care...

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Above all things, let us put on Jesus' love. AMEN

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Sacred Land

Anne Marie David

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.

MANY: As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

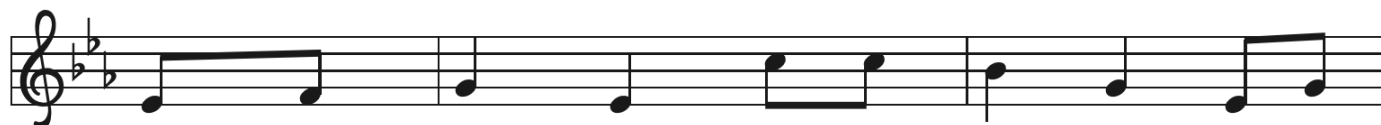
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

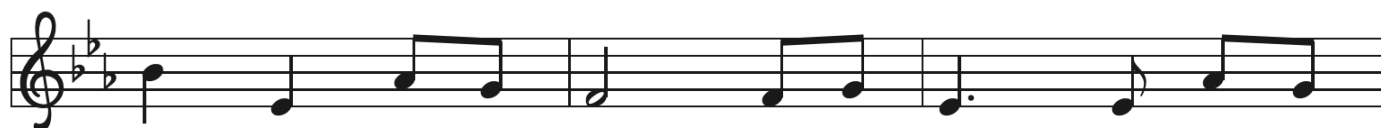
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your

wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your

peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

ONE: The Lord bless you and keep you
 the Lord make his face shine upon you
 the Lord look upon you with favor
 and give you peace.

MANY: AMEN



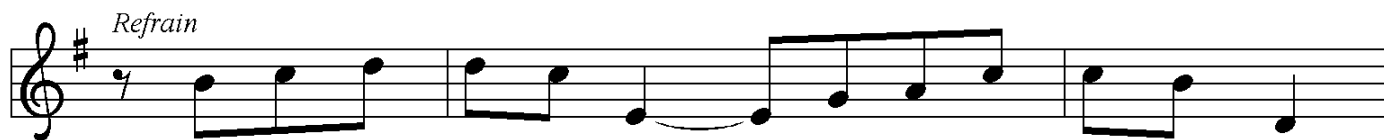
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, together in Jesus' love.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Allemande

Bob Moore

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

TODAY

9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion, and also live-streamed.

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Cleansing the Temple

John 2:13-25

Families are encouraged to have their children in worship, but the nursery is available if needed. It will be open but not staffed; please plan to supervise your own children inside.

PEACEFUL NIGHTS

- we hope to return to normal programming on Wed., Feb. 16
- meals are "on pause"
- programming is virtual only (LutheranLIVE!, 1st Communion, Youth Music, Bible Study)
- Adult Bells and Adult Choir are in person

Please check your Saturday e-News for the Zoom link for all classes.

Martin Luther King Day

Join us - Nativity Lutheran and other partners - on Monday, January 17 at 11:00 a.m. for the 4th Annual MLK DAY "The King Lives - Call Us What We Carry" Event. This intergenerational virtual event will bring together speakers of all ages to re-enact segments of speeches made by a world changer of their choosing. Music and spoken word performances will also be celebrated.

It is our collective responsibility to ensure that the words and the stories of change makers continue to be seen, heard, and remembered.

We must not forget.

Hearing and reciting words creates more hopeful words. Just like Scripture- the more we read, and the more we hear, the more we believe! Links for the Facebook live event and the Premier event can be found in Saturday's e-news.

Lutheran Live!

In January, our home-grown talk show called "LutheranLIVE!" will focus on powerful Partnerships. Confirmation students will co-host the "LutheranLive!" show and will be interviewing dynamic duos from our congregation on Wednesday evenings at 6:05pm, right after dinner in the Fellowship Hall. This week on 1/19, Heidi and Iris Ferris, a mother-daughter partnership, will be discussing the Small Catechism: Communion & Confession... Lutheran Partnerships & Living Lutheran. Come for learning, laughs, fellowship and insights into our shared Lutheran faith. All are welcome to join the audience!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Peace is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels Feb 3,7,10, and 14.

Meals are picked up at 10:30 am at the loading dock in the Plymouth Corporate Center office building at 1405 Xenium Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55441. Meal delivery may take from 60-75 minutes. This time we are asking you to sign up with Jo Rimmereid, Wayzata-Plymouth Meals on Wheels, 763-553-7762 or cell 763-528-8607 or email her at:

rim1985@aol.com

BUDGET MEETING - January 23, 10:00am
In person and on zoom.

ANNUAL MEETING - January 30, 10:00am
In person and on zoom.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Classes will be held on Wednesdays Jan 19 - Feb 2, with the Worship Service Feb. 13. If you have a child that wants to participate or you feel is ready to receive Communion, please see the details below.

Please 'enroll' your child in First Communion classes by contacting Kjell by January 12. kjell@peaceofplymouth.org or 763.571.2919. A parent/guardian should plan to attend these three (now virtual) sessions with their child.