



SOTC Worship
January 1 2023
Epiphany Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

ELW 275

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

After Pastor Aleese calls the congregation to confession, the congregation prays together:

Let us pray:

**God of starlight,
we know that faith isn't a vending machine.
Good news can't be bought or manufactured.
It does not arrive with a push of a button.**

Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.

**We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.
We have to believe that love really can change the world.
We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.**

Forgive us for forgetting that.

Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.

We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day.

Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel:

Since the very first day, God has taken the pieces of our hearts that we have offered and has said, "I can work with that."

Even in our failings, God has washed us with words of grace, belonging, and love.

No matter what star you've followed, no matter how far you've walked,
no matter how lost you got— you belong to God.

In the name of Jesus Christ +, you are loved and forgiven, united with all those who seek God's truth.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

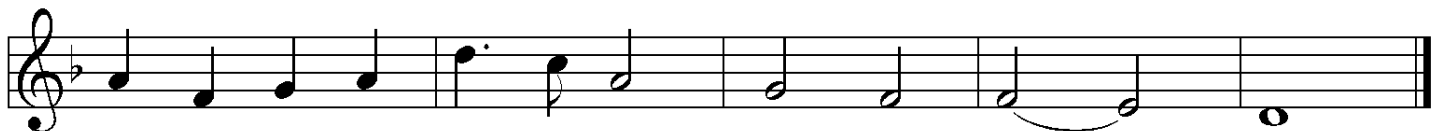
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GLORY TO GOD



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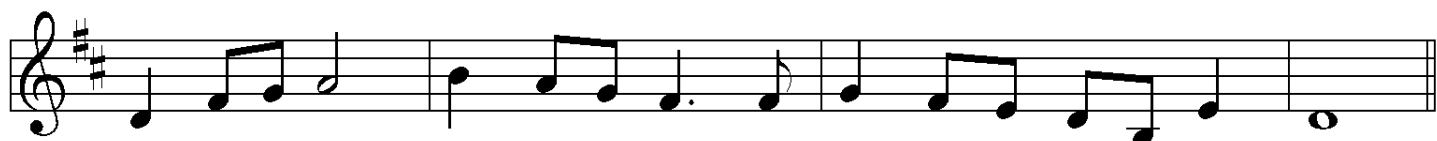
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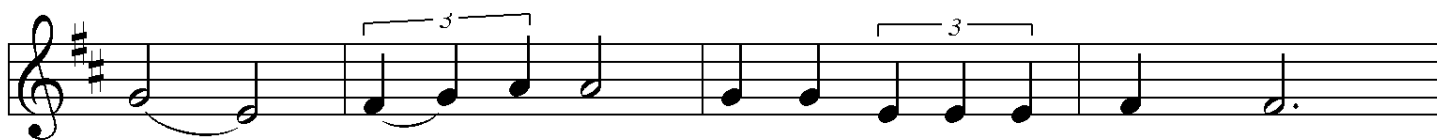
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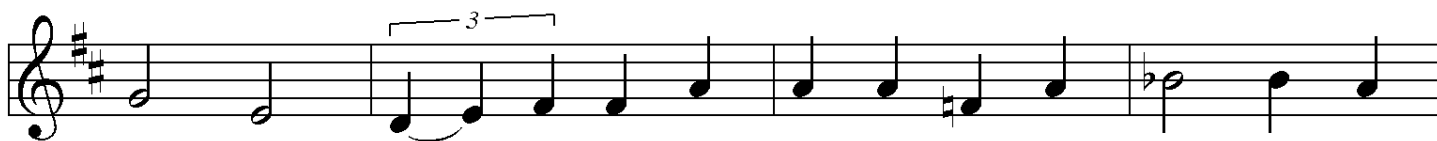
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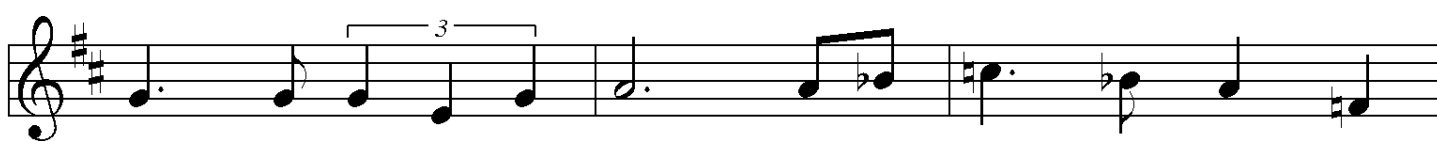
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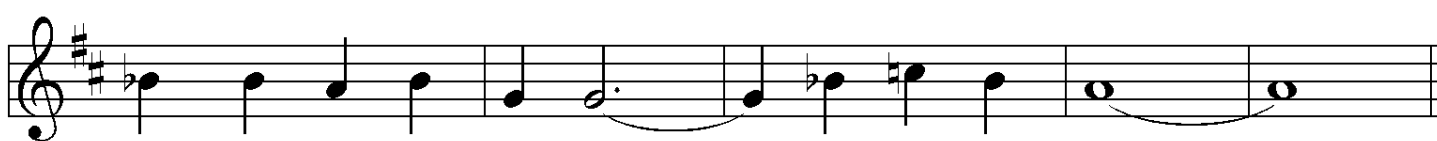
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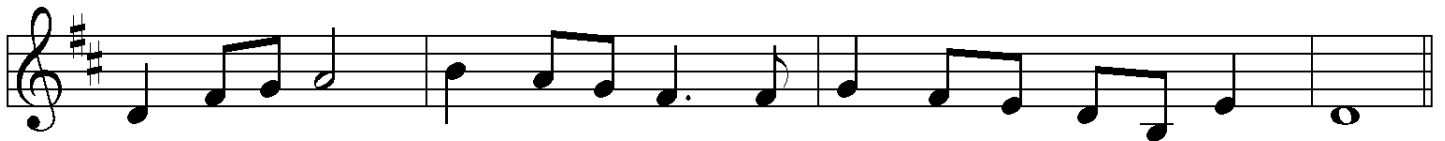
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right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



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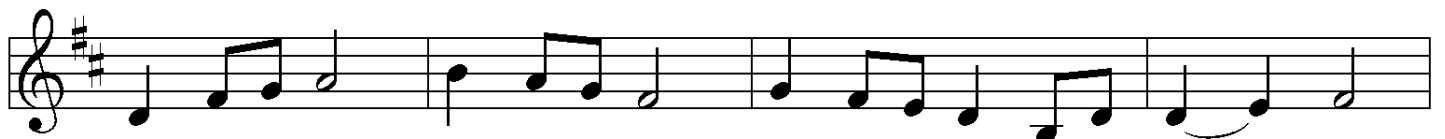
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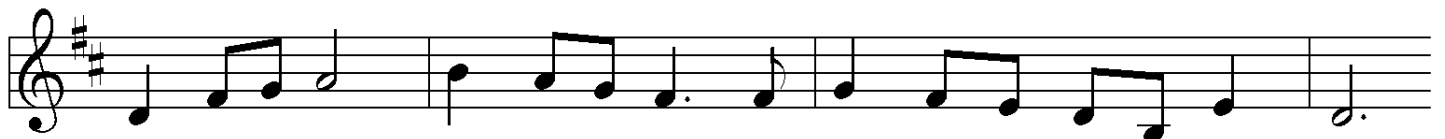
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OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray -

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for God's Word to be illuminated in our midst. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- ²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ²**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
- ³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

**¹¹May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.**

¹²For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

**¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

ELW 302
(vs. 1-3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes beamed together and some notes with stems pointing down. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry." The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The third staff continues: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff continues: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... To you, almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

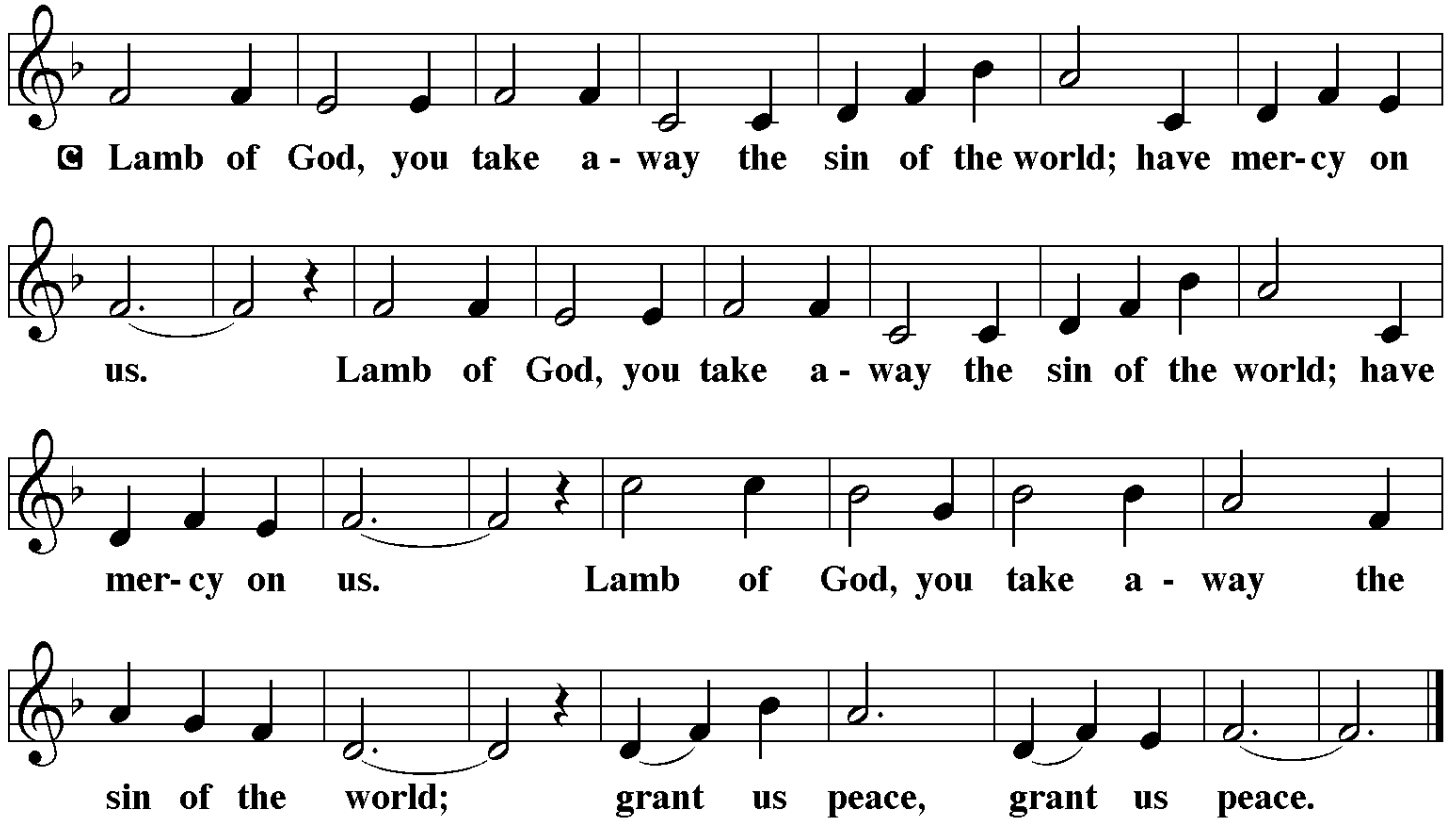
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

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