



# Worship with Communion

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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**Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!**

### ♪ Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou ledest them steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862. Music: *SALZBURG*, Jakob Hintze, 1678.

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* AMEN!

### ♪ Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia alleluia!

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **AMEN!**

## **Old Testament**

*Reader* A reading of 2 Kings chapter 2, verses 1 through 12.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as

I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Unison Reading

*Reader* Let us read in unison Psalm 50, verses 1 through 6.

*All* **The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals the divine glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before whom there is a consuming flame, and round about whom a raging storm. God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of this people. "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause; for God, God alone, is judge.**

## New Testament

*Reader* A reading of 2 Corinthians chapter 4, verses 3 through 6.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gospel**

Mark 9. 2-9

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Celebrant* Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon****Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

## Prayers of the People

*Reader* Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

*People* **God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.**

*Reader* We pray for the entire Body of Christ, especially for the clergy and people of The Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and St James Episcopal Church.

*People* **Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

*Reader* We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

*People* **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples.**

*Reader* We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.

*People* **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

*Reader* We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

*People* **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

*Reader* We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life, and waters around us.

*People* **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

*Reader* We lift up the prayers of our church family. God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask.

*People* **Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.**

*Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*People* **Jesus, God with us, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Reader* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

*All* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

*All* O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

*Celebrant* To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

*All* AMEN!

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Invitation to Communion**

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,  
 lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams:  
 Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
 make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Fire so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light:  
 Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
 unfold your blessings on our way: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 All flow'rs and fruits that in you grow, let them God's glory also show:  
 Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
 Let all things their Creator bless,  
 and worship God in humbleness: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise, God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
 Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Francis of Assisi, c 1225; tr WH Draper, 1926. Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*, 1623.

## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of

pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who

comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ the Lord will come again.

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*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*All* 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, for ever and ever. AMEN!

### Breaking Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### ♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*People* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Mysterious God, we thank you for feeding us with yourself, and for making yourself known to us in the holy child, Jesus the Christ. Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit—that same Spirit which was in Jesus—so that we may help bring your Light, Peace, and Love to all the earth. We pray in the Name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. AMEN!

## Blessing for Epiphany Season

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

## ♪ God, We See What You Have Given

God, we see what you have given; signs of grace are everywhere!  
All around are gifts from heaven — gifts enough for all to share.

We are stewards of your bounty, called to give as we've received;  
And your blessings have been plenty from the day we first believed.

We are stewards of the richness that you send from heav'n above.  
For in Christ, you gave up greatness, humbly showing us your love.  
In a manger — gift from heaven! On a cross — with love and pain!  
You proclaimed we are forgiven; now you send us in your name.

We are stewards of your welcome that you showed through Christ the Son.  
In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.  
To the outcast and the stranger, he showed hospitality!  
By your Spirit, may we also give the welcome we've received.

We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.  
Through our serving and our caring may we give as we've been blessed.  
God of love, may faithful living be much more than Sunday talk.  
Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

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## Sending

*Celebrant* Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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# CORE VALUES

## OF ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH (MANITOWOC, WI)

*Adopted by unanimous vote of the Vestry on 11/14/2019*

The Core Values of our congregation help answer the question: *Why do we do what we do around here?* They express what we stand for, what we're about, and what makes us different from other congregations.

Our Core Values express our congregation's unique culture, helping guests and newcomers quickly learn important things about us. They guide our decision making, goal setting, ministry priorities, budgeting, and best use of human and material resources.

Our Core Values are deeply held by the congregation and have been demonstrated in actions. They are actual, not aspirational. The Vestry identified and articulated these Core Values through intentional study of the words and actions of our congregation from 2012 to present.

### **WE VALUE ACCEPTANCE & OPEN-MINDEDNESS**

All people need a place where they can feel safe and have a sense of belonging. We value differences, embrace brokenness, and see God in all who we encounter. We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. We offer support, encouragement, and forgiveness to all people.

### **WE VALUE CREATIVITY, FLEXIBILITY, & INNOVATION**

As the world evolves, so do the ways we reach out to people. We learn from the ways Jesus challenged the status quo in encouraging others to love God and neighbor. We expect the unexpected and try to be open and agile in our responses. We are approachable and authentic in our worship, relationships, and ministries. We are all learning and growing, and we believe that leads to change. We seek to use all the unique skills, gifts, and passions God has given us to share.

### **WE VALUE SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

The Good News is that God loves all people, and we joyfully share that message with the world. We are broken people discovering healing together; we love people who are hurting and do what we can to help with physical, emotional, and spiritual pain. We listen for the needs of our community and respond with the resources God has entrusted to our care. We make a difference by serving our community and world.