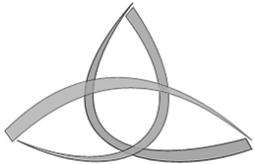




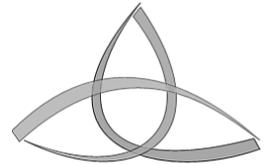
**Worship Service  
First Sunday After Epiphany  
January 9, 2022**



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## God Gathers Us In to Worship

Welcome

**Prelude**

Jan Gibson

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gathering Song**

*"The First Noel"*

*ELW 300*

*Please be seated*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples,  
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Holy God,

**People: we confess our sin before you.  
We replace compassion with competition.  
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.  
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.  
We have not put on love in harmony with you.  
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.  
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,  
that all we do, in word or deed,  
may reflect your love born among us.  
Amen.**

Leader: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:  
God has come among us  
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.  
✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven  
and you are clothed in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the  
Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God.

People: **you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant  
shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our  
hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure  
we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **God Proclaims His Holy Word**

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light  
of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of  
international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's  
praise.*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift 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.

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>6</sup>A 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**

*All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)  
Please read responsively.*

R: <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**P: <sup>2</sup>that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

R: <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

**P: <sup>4</sup>Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

R: <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

**P: <sup>6</sup>Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

R: <sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**P: <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

R: <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

**P: <sup>12</sup>For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

R: <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

**P: <sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become heirs with us, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of God's power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least

of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,<sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> through faith in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence.

Leader: Word of God. Word of Life

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, "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."<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>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.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> Then 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."<sup>9</sup> When 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.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> On 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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, O Christ

*Please be seated*

**Message** “The Twelve Days of Christmas: A Theological Chronology”

Dr. David Hensley

*Please stand as you are able*

**Song** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*(insert)*

### **Confession of Faith/Apostle’s Creed**

Leader: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.*

Leader: Merciful God

People: Receive our prayer

## **Passing the Peace**

Leader:       The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

People:       **And also with you.**

## **God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table**

### **Offering Prayer**

Leader        Gracious God,  
                  your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.  
                  As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,  
                  prepare us to receive the grace and truth  
                  you offer at this table  
                  and renew in us the song of your salvation,  
                  in Jesus Christ our Savior.

People:       **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Words of Institution**

Leader:       On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
                  gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and  
                  eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of  
                  me." And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and  
                  gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my  
                  blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do  
                  this for the remembrance of me."

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader:       Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying  
                  from our hearts:

**People:** 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.

### God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others

#### **Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able*

#### **Benediction and Blessing**

**Leader:** The God of Hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**People:** Amen.

**Sending Song**      *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*      *ELW 302*

#### **Dismissal**

**Leader:** Go in peace, Rejoice in Christ our Savior

**People:** Thanks be to God

#### **Postlude**

Jan Gibson

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*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church:  
Sharing God's love and grace, we invite, embrace and nurture everyone,  
unconditionally, into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

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Keyboard: Jan Gibson  
Reader: San Juanita Baldwin  
Kathryn Benander  
Ann Marie Wagstaff  
Ushers: Marvin Sharp  
Servers:  
Song Leader: Julie McIntosh  
Camera: Ray Cauwet  
Altar Care:  
Multi-Media: Jill Stokes

**Staff of TLC:**

Pastor: Jodi Golden-Lund  
Office Manager: Toni Dumont  
Custodian: Ron Benander  
Worship Director: Jan Gibson  
Organist: Alice Christianson  
Choir Director: Dave Hensley

Weekly Scriptures to read at home:

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
Psalm 36: 5-10  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 2 1-11

**Birthdays:**

Linda Johnson 10<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries:**

No Anniversaries

### **New Prayer Concerns**

For Tim Olson's mother, Terry Prandini who was hospitalized with Covid while visiting Memphis. Prayers in hope that my new orthopedist will see fit to give me surgery as soon as possible. My appointment is on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Juanita Baldwin)

Family and friends of Carolyn (Susan Firestone)

Prayers for her safe move to Humboldt County. Possibly happening this week. (Judy Trimble)

### **Continuing Prayer Concerns**

For Joy Harvey's niece, Natalie and her family. Natalie's husband, Doug was killed in a tragic plane accident in El Cajon along with the copilot and two nurses. He leaves behind his wife, Natalie and two daughters, Mariah (16) and Sofia (11). Please pray for Joy and her loved ones and also for the other families who lost loved ones.

For the family and friends of Terry Caralin, who passed away before Christmas (Susan Firestone)

For Norma Brown for recovery from a stroke (Jill McIntosh)

For Karin Wiseman and her family. Linn passed away unexpectedly on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>.

For safe travels for all those traveling for the holidays and safety from Covid. (Juanita Baldwin)

For Jordan as she goes through chemotherapy that it may bring complete healing. (Muriel Josten)

For tiny Isla and Eleanor as they continue to struggle and fight for their lives at Childrens Hospital. We praise you for the healing miracles in their lives already (Muriel Josten)

For Stephanie as she heals physically and emotionally from her late term miscarriage .(Muriel Josten)

For Debbie, daughter-in-law of Art and Karen Cardell who broke her ankle requiring surgery and is having a painful recovery.

For Ernie Rodriguez who had his surgery on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and is currently recovering. We pray for his complete healing, adjustment to post-surgery conditions, patience, peace and God's Blessings for Ernie and his family as they travel together down the road to recuperation. (Carolyn Sharp)

For Carol Bentz, who has been diagnosed with cancer and will be having surgery.

For Marga Schaefer who has returned home from the Rehab Center and needs prayers for continued healing and a smooth transition to normal living after 4 months of recuperation in medical settings (Carolyn Sharp)

Peggy Holt - for healing and comfort due to health problems and continued healing after surgery

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

### **Those unable to worship with us:**

June Mowles - Sierra Hills

Phyllis Rengstorf - Kaweah Manor, Visalia

