

# THE DAILY OFFICE

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## The Daily Office:

We are creatures of time, and time is the arena of God's self-revelation. Paul says to the Galatians, "...when the appointed time came, God sent his Son." [4:4] God's self-revelation is disclosed in the rhythm of life: as light turns to darkness and to the light again; as sleep gives way to waking, and waking to work; and as work returns to reflection and rest again.

There is chronological time, when, as the poet says, "time turns round itself in an obedient circle." This is mechanical time, timetable time, time where the light of the Presence is not perceived:

*"The heavens declare the glory of God,  
The vault of heaven declares God's handiwork:  
Day discourses to day,  
Night to night hands on knowledge.  
No utterance at all, no speech,  
No sound that anyone can hear;  
Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
And their message to the ends of the world." ~Ps. 19:1-14*

There is also kairotic time, or sacred time. But in truth, as time is part of God's good creation, it might be argued that time is never actually "kronos," but always "kairos." Faith has always perceived this, and Christian communities have always labored to "redeem the time," or, to place an overlay of intentionality upon time. It is within this overlay that the Created perceives its oneness with its Creator.

Part of this legacy is the Christian Year, which stretches from Advent through Epiphany, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, and from Easter through Pentecost. Another aspect of this legacy is the Canonical Hours, observed by monastic communities the world over. Within this structure is to be found the peaceful alteration of work and rest, and the challenge to stay awake with Christ in Gethsemane.

By the Third Century, the structure of the Canonical Hours had been established, whether from the hours of prayer in the synagogue, or derived from the Roman division of the day into four "hours"—Prima [First]; Tertia [Third]; Sexta [Sixth]; and Nona [Ninth]. The four watches of the night were also incorporated into this structure: the first watch [Vespers, from Lat. "Evenings"]; the second, at midnight [Compline, from Lat. "Complete"]; the third, at cockcrow, became Matins, after Matuta, the goddess of the morning; and the fourth, at dawn, became Lauds, from Lat. "Laudare" or, to praise or extol.

The Canonical Hours have always been corporate. As Praise God: The Common Prayer at Taize, expresses it, "*Common prayer is a different exercise from the more-or-less silent waiting on God in our rooms with the door shut, which we are inclined to consider as the main form of praying.*"

Benedict, in his “Rule” wrote that he believed that the unceasing praise of God was the chief purpose of the Church. Evelyn Underhill confirms this, saying that the Canonical Hours is the ordained form within which the whole Church performs unceasing praise from hour to hour, night and day.

The Hours have another function as well. Brother Roger of Taize believed that perseverance is the way to focus our attention upon Christ through all the dull days of our life. In other words, we must knock at the door until it opens, for sometimes, the Light of the Presence can flash through our prayer, and there are no words that can describe this experience.

In this version of the Hours, we have divided four twenty-four hours days into eight three-hour segments that correspond to the traditional canon. In this version we lift-up eight “Holy Mysteries” which are: [1] The Eucharist; [2] Gethsemane; [3] The Absence of God; [4] the Resurrection; [5] Pentecost; [6] Epiphany; [7] The Baptism of our Lord; and [8] the Transfiguration. The version observes the entire Christian Year in four days, whereas in a monastic setting, the cycle takes-up the whole calendar year.

Observing the Hours helps us to perceive the sacred nature of time, and to see our own life, as well as our life together, with a greater clarity, and as part of the Light of God revealed in time.

~Russell Hart

How to use this booklet:

For stay-at-home meditation, we don’t recommend observing the entire four-day cycle at one time. One “Day” in the cycle can be completed over a couple of days as time permits, or you can choose a day, and do the eight offices every hour on the hour, or every two hours until completion. Remember, this is God’s time and it ought not to be burdensome.

At the Center, we observe “holy silence” between the “Hours” [except during mealtime] and observe the Night Hours at the prescribed times in this booklet. But we suggest that you adapt these exercises to the needs of your household.

The Eucharist: If a celebrant cannot be present, we suggest that you silently reflect on how *every* meal can become sacramental.

The liturgies are to be read back and forth [Community Right & Community Left]. Two or three participants are sufficient to keep these services in motion.

# DAY ONE

Theme: Eucharist

VESPERS

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Let us implore our Redeemer, who suffered his passion, was buried and rose again from the dead, saying:

Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*

Liturgist: Lord, our Master, for us you became obedient unto death, teach us to do your Father's will.

Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*

Liturgist: Lord our Life, by dying on the cross you have conquered Death and the powers of darkness. Enable us to share in your death and your resurrection into glory:

Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*

Liturgist: Lord our Strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal. Teach us true humility.

Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*

Liturgist: Lord our Salvation, you gave your life for love of your brothers and sisters, teach us to love one another with that same love.

Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*

Liturgist: Lord our God, with hands outstretched on the Cross, you draw all to yourself. Gather into your Kingdom the scattered children of God. *Common Prayer at Taize*

## HYMN:

1.  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth  
Decendeth  
Our full homage to demand.

2.  
King of Kings, yet born of Mary  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the  
Faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Alleluia! Praise Yahweh, my soul!

Community L: *I mean to praise Yahweh all my life; I mean to sing to my God as long as I live.*

Community R: Do not put your trust in men of power—in mortals in whom there is no help.

Community L: *Their breath departs and they return to the earth. On that*

*Day, all their schemes perish!*  
 Community R: Happy are they whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is fixed upon Yahweh their God;  
 Community L: *the maker of heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that these hold.*  
 Community R: Yahweh, who is ever-faithful, gives justice to those denied it, and gives food to the hungry, and liberty to the prisoners.  
 Community L: *Yahweh restores sight to the blind;*  
 Community R: straightens the bent;  
 Community L: *protects the stranger,*  
 Community R: and keeps the orphan and the widow.  
 Community L: *Yahweh loves the virtuous,*  
 Community R: and frustrates the wicked.  
 Community L: *Yahweh reigns forever—your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.* ~Ps. 146

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.  
 Community: *I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXODUS 24:3-11

Liturgist: Your teachings are wonderful; I obey them with all my heart.  
 Community: *The explanation of your teachings gives light, and wisdom to the inexperienced.*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 14:17-31

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven,  
 Loved and free,  
 In awe and wonder to recall his life laid-down for me,  
 His life laid-down for me.

**[Here shall follow a brief service of Holy Communion]**

APPOINTED PRAYER: [All]: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood, mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us the pledge of eternal life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
 Amen.



## HYMN:

1.  
 'Tis midnight, and from others' guilt,  
 The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;  
 Yet he that hath in anguish knelt  
 Is not forsaken by his God.

2.  
 'Tis midnight, and from all removed,  
 The Savior wrestles lone with fears;  
 E'en that disciple whom he loved  
 Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

Liturgist:           Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community:       *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R:   My God, my God, why have you deserted me? How far are you from saving me. These words I groan!

Community L:   *I call all day, my God, but you do not answer. All night long I call, and cannot rest!*

Community R:   Yet, Holy One, it is you who make your home in the praises of Israel:

Community L:   *In you our forebears put their trust till you rescued them.*

Community R:   They called to you for help and were saved. They never trusted you in vain.

Community L:   *Yet here I am, more a worm than a human being,*

Community R:   scorned by humankind, and a laughingstock of the people.

Community L:   *All who see me jeer at me. They toss their heads and sneer:*

Community R:   "He relied on Yahweh! Let Yahweh save him! If Yahweh is his friend, let Yahweh save him!"

Community L:   *Yet, it was you who drew me out of the womb, and entrusted me to my mother's breasts;*

Community R:   placed on your lap from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Community L:   *Do not stand aside now, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help me!*

Community R:   A herd of bulls surrounds me! A gang of villains closes me in;

Community L:   *They tie me hand and foot and leave me lying in the dust of death.*

Community R:   I can count every one of my bones, and there they stand, gloating over me!

Community L:   *They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothes!*

Community R:   Do not stand aside, Yahweh, my strength! Come quickly to my help!

Community L:   *Rescue my soul from the sword, and my dear life from the paw of the dog.*

Community R:   Save me from the lion's mouth, and my poor soul from the wild bull's horns!

Community L: *Then I shall proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
and praise you in the full assembly.*

Community R: You who fear Yahweh, praise Yahweh!

Community L: *Entire race of Jacob, praise Yahweh!*

Community R: Entire race of Israel, revere Yahweh!

Community L: *For Yahweh has not despised or distained the poor in their  
poverty; The face of Yahweh is not hidden from the poor.*

Community R: Yahweh answers their call. ~Ps. 22

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts,  
Community: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.  
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISA. 52:13-53:12

Liturgist: In the night I think of you, Lord, and I obey your law.  
Community: This is my happiness: I obey your commands.  
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 19:17-30

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold  
this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,  
and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who  
now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
AMEN

Theme: The Absence of God

MATINS

Midnight—3:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Let us implore our Redeemer who suffered his passion, was buried, and rose from the dead, saying:  
 Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*  
 Liturgist: Our Savior Christ, as your grief-stricken mother was present At your cross and burial: enable us to share in your Passion at our own times of testing.  
 Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*  
 Liturgist: O Lord Christ, like a seed of wheat fallen to the ground, you have borne the fruit of the life of God. So may we also die to sin and live for God.  
 Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*  
 Liturgist: O Christ, the new Adam, as you descended to the dead to set them free from captivity: may your voice be heard by all who are in bondage to sin, that they also may be set free.  
 Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*  
 Liturgist: O Christ, Son of the living God, through your baptism we have been buried with you in death: make us partakers of the Resurrection that we may walk in newness of life.  
 Community: *O Christ, we adore you.*

## HYMN:

1.	2.
Near the cross, a trembling soul,	Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Love and mercy found me;	Hoping, trusting ever,
There the bright and morning star	Till I reach the golden strand
Shed its beams around me.	Just beyond the river.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross,  
 Be my glory ever  
 Till my raptured soul shall find  
 Rest beyond the river.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Lord, you have been our refuge from age to age.  
 Community L: *Before the mountains were brought forth, and before the earth or the worlds came to birth, you were God from all eternity.*

Community R: You can turn us back into dust by saying, "Go back, you children of earth!"

Community L: *To you a thousand years are as a single day, a yesterday now over, or a watch in the night.*

Community R: You brush mortals away like waking dreams.

Community L: *They are like grass which sprouts in the morning and is withered and dry before dusk.*

Community R: We are burned-up by your anger and terrified by your fury.

Community L: *Having summoned-up our sins, you bathe our secrets by your own light.*

Community R: Our days dwindle under your wrath, and our lives are over in a breath.

Community L: *Our life may last for seventy years—eighty with good health, but they all add up to anxiety and trouble—over in a twinkling and then they are gone.*

Community R: Who yet has felt the full force of your fury? Who has yet learned to fear the violence of your rage?

Community L: *Teach us to count the few days we have, so that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

Community R: Relent, Yahweh! How much longer do we have? Take pity on your servants!

Community L: *Let us wake in the morning filled with your love. Let us sing and be happy all our days!*

Community R: Make our future as happy as our past was sad, in those years when you were punishing us.

Community L: *Let your servants see what you can do for them, and let their children see your glory.*

Community R: May all the sweetness of the Lord descend upon us, and help us to succeed in all that we do. ~Ps. 90

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JOB 14:1-14

Liturgist: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Community: *Hope in God. Take heart and be of good courage!*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 15:40-47

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

O love divine, what hast thou done!  
Th'immortal God hath died for me!  
The Father's co-eternal Son

Bore all my sins upon the tree.  
Th'immortal God for me hath died:  
My Lord, my Love is crucified.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O God of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on that holy Sabbath, so may we wait with him, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
AMEN

Theme: Resurrection

LAUDS

Time: 3:00-6:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

[The paschal candle is lit]

Liturgist: How holy is this night when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

Community: *How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.*

Liturgist: Alleluia, Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Community: *The stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the tomb! Alleluia!*

Liturgist: He is no longer dead! Alleluia!

Community: *The Living One is risen again! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Liturgist: He has conquered the cross! Alleluia!

Community: *He has come out of the tomb! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Liturgist: Alleluia! Our hope is in him! Alleluia!

Community: *He will take us to glory! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## HYMN:

1.  
Sing with all the saints in glory  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness, we awaking,  
Know the everlasting peace.

2.  
O what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it  
There on high our welcome waits.  
Every humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh, for Yahweh is good, whose love is everlasting!

Community L: *Let the house of Israel say, "The love of Yahweh is everlasting."*

Community R: I was pressed and about to fall, but Yahweh came to my help!

Community L: *Yahweh has been my strength and song, and has been my Savior!*

- Community R: Shouts of joy and safety can be heard in the tents of the virtuous: Yahweh's right hand is wreaking havoc!
- Community L: *No, I shall not die, but live to recite the deeds of Yahweh;*
- Community R: Although Yahweh has often punished me, I have not been abandoned to death.
- Community L: *Open the gates of virtue to me. Then I will come in and give thanks to Yahweh.*
- Community R: This is the gateway to Yahweh, through which the virtuous may enter.
- Community L: *I thank you for having heard me, for you have been my Savior.*
- Community R: This was the stone rejected by the builders that has proven to be the keystone.
- Community L: *This was Yahweh's doing and it is wonderful to behold.*
- Community R: This is the day made memorable by Yahweh, and what an immense joy it is for us!
- Community L: *Please save us, Yahweh. Please grant us prosperity.*
- Community R: Blessings on the One who comes in the name of Yahweh! We bless you from the house of Yahweh.
- Community L: *Yahweh smiles upon us. So with branches in your hands, draw up in procession as far as the horns of the altar.*
- Community R: You are my God, and I give you thanks! My God, I extol you.
- Community L: *I give you thanks for having heard me. You have been my Savior.*
- Community R: O give thanks to Yahweh, who is good, and whose love is everlasting. ~Ps. 118:1-2, 13-29
- Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.
- Community: *I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXODUS 15:1-11
- Liturgist: You sleeper, awake! Rise up from the dead!
- Community: *Upon you will shine the light of Jesus Christ! Alleluia!*
- RESPONSE: Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!
- Liturgist: You are God: we praise you.
- Community: *You are the Lord: we acclaim you.*
- Liturgist: You are the eternal Father:

Community: All creation worships you.  
 Liturgist: To you all angels, all the powers of heaven—Cherubim and Seraphim—sing in endless praise:  
 Community: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!*  
 Liturgist: The glorious company of the apostles praise you;  
 Community: *The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.*  
 Liturgist: The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Community: *The holy Church throughout the world acclaim you;*  
 Liturgist: Father of majesty unbounded;  
 Community: *Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship;*  
 Liturgist: And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
 Community: *You, Christ, are the king of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father;*  
 Liturgist: When you became man to set us free, you did not abhor the virgin's womb.  
 Community: *You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*  
 Liturgist: You are seated at the right hand of God in Glory.  
 Community: *We believe that you will come to be our judge.*  
 Liturgist: Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood;  
 Community: *And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.*  
 Liturgist: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.  
 Community: *Govern and uphold them now and always.*  
 Liturgist: Day by day we bless you.  
 Community: *We praise your name forever.*  
 Liturgist: Keep us, today, Lord, from all sin.  
 Community: *Have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy.*  
 Liturgist: Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we put our trust in you.  
 Community: *In you, O Lord, is our hope;*  
 Liturgist: and we shall never hope in vain. *~Te Deum Laudamus*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 24:1-11

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
 Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
 Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
 Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
 Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son'  
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O God, who made this holy night to shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection: stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Theme: Pentecost: PRIME Time: 6:00-9:00 a.m.

INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Send forth your Spirit, Lord!  
 Community: *Renew the face of the earth.*  
 Liturgist: Come, Creator Spirit, inflame our waiting hearts!  
 Community: *Your Spirit fills the world and knows our every word.*  
 Liturgist: Glory to God our Father;  
 Community: *To Jesus Christ, the Son;*  
 Liturgist: And to you, O Holy Spirit, now and evermore.  
 Community: *You are, you were, you come, eternal, living God!*

HYMN: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
 And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
 There are sweet expressions on each face;  
 And we know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
 Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove:  
 Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
 And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
 When we shall leave this place.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community: Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.

PSALM:

Community R: Yahweh, what variety you have created, arranging everything  
 so wisely! Earth is completely full of the things you have  
 made;  
 Community L: *Among them the vast expanse of ocean, teeming with  
 countless creatures, creatures great and small;*  
 Community R: with ships going to and fro, and Leviathan whom you made  
 to amuse you.  
 Community L: *All creatures depend on you to feed them throughout the year.*  
 Community R: You provide the food they eat, and with generous hands you  
 satisfy their hunger.  
 Community L: *When you turn your face away, they suffer. When you stop  
 their breath, they die, and revert to the dust from whence they  
 came.*  
 Community R: When you give breath, new life begins, and you keep  
 renewing the earth.  
 Community L: *Glory forever to Yahweh! May Yahweh find joy in what  
 Yahweh creates—*

Community R: At whose glance the earth trembles, and at whose touch the mountains smoke!

Community L: *I mean to sing to Yahweh all my life. I mean to play for my God as long as I live.*

Community R: May my reflections give Yahweh pleasure.

Community L: *May sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked exist no more!*

Community R: Bless Yahweh, my soul. ~Ps. 104:24-35

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JOEL 2:28-29

Liturgist: Come Holy Spirit! From heaven shine with your glorious light!

Community: *Most kindly, warming light! Enter the inmost depths of our hearts, for we are faithful to you. Without your presence we have nothing worthy, nothing pure.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 20:19-23

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Almighty God of truth and love,  
To me thy power impart;  
The burden from my soul remove,  
The hardness from my heart.  
O may the least omission pain  
My reawakened soul,  
And drive me to that grace again,  
Which makes the wounded whole.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Almighty God, who has opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the gift of your Holy Spirit: shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

Theme: Epiphany: TERCE Time: 9:00 a.m.--Noon

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INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Return to the Lord, who has pity on you—to God who is all forgiveness;  
 Community: *Pity us, O Lord, in your kindness; in your love, blot-out our sins.*  
 Liturgist: Cleanse us of our faults and misdeeds, for we know our sin, and our faults are ever before us.  
 Community: *Against you and you only have we sinned and done evil in your sight.*  
 Liturgist: To the One who reigns from the throne and to the Lamb, all praise and honor, glory and power, forever and ever.

HYMN:

<p>1.          Walk in the light and thou shalt find          Thy heart made truly his;          Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined          In whom no darkness is.</p>	<p>2.          Walk in the light, and thine shall be          A path, though thorny, bright.          For God, by grace shall dwell with thee          And God himself is light.</p>
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Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God all you nations.  
 Community: Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.

PSALM:

Community R: O God, grant your own justice to the king, and your own righteousness to the royal son,  
 Community L: *so that he may rule your people rightly and your poor with justice.*  
 Community R: Let the mountains and the hills bring a message of peace to the people.  
 Community L: *Uprightly he will defend the poorest of the land, save the children of those in need, and crush their oppressors.*  
 Community R: He, like the sun and the moon, shall endure from age to age.  
 Community L: *He will be as welcome as the rain that falls on the pasture, and the showers on thirsty soil.*  
 Community R: In his days shall virtue flourish, and universal peace shall reign till the moon is no more.  
 Community L: *His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.*  
 Community R: Beasts will cower before him and his enemies will grovel in the dust of the earth;

- Community L: *The kings of Tarshish and of the islands will pay him tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer him gifts.*
- Community R: All rulers will do him homage, and all nations become his servants.
- Community L: *He will free the needy when they call, as well as all who need help.*
- Community R: He will have pity on the poor and feeble, and redeem their lives from exploitation and outrage, for their lives will be precious in his sight.
- Community L: *Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him, prayer offered for him constantly, and blessings invoked on him all the day long.*
- Community R: There will be grain everywhere in the country, even on the mountaintops!
- Community L: *Its harvests will be as abundant as those of Lebanon, and as luxuriant as the common grass!*
- Community R: Blessed be his name forever, enduring as long as the sun.
- Community L: *May every race in the world be blessed in him and all nations call him blessed!*
- Community R: Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who alone can perform these marvels!
- Community L: *Blessed forever be his glorious name!*
- Community R: May the whole world be filled with his glory. ~Ps. 72

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.  
 Community: I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Liturgist: Incline your ear to me—  
 Community: *and answer me when I call.*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATT. 1:1-12

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
 Come peasant, king to own him;  
 The King of kings salvation brings,  
 Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
 This, this is Christ the King,  
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
 The babe, the son of Mary.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, into your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

Theme: The Baptism of our Lord      SEXT      Time: Noon—3:00 p.m.

INVITATORY:

Liturgist:            O Christ, you humbled yourself and received baptism at your servant's hands, showing us the way of humility: grant us to serve humbly all the days of our life:

Community:        *Lord, have mercy.*

Liturgist:            By your baptism you washed away every impurity, making us children of the Father: grant the grace of adoption to all who search for you.

Community:        *Christ, have mercy.*

Liturgist:            O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified the creation and Opened the way of repentance to all who are baptized: Make us instruments of your Gospel in the world. AMEN

HYMN:

1.	2.
Just as I am, thou wilt receive,	Just as I am, thy love unknown
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;	Hath broken every barrier down;
Because thy promise I believe,	Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.	O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Liturgist:            Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community:        Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.

PSALM:

Community R:      Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness! In your great tenderness, wipe away my faults.

Community L:      *Wash me clean of my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.*

Community R:      For I am aware of my faults, and I have my sin constantly in mind,

Community L:      *having sinned against none other than you, and having done what you regard as wrong.*

Community R:      You are just when you pass sentence on me, and blameless when you give judgment.

Community L:      *You know that I was born guilty—a sinner from the moment of conception.*

Community R:      Nonetheless, since you love sincerity of heart, teach me the secrets of wisdom.

Community L:      *Purify me with hyssop until I am clean. Wash me until I am as white as snow.*

Community R:      Instill some joy and gladness into me, and let the bones you have crushed rejoice again.

Community L: *Hide your face from my sins and wipe-out all my guilt.*  
 Community R: O God, create in me a clean heart, and put into me a new and constant spirit.

Community L: *Do not banish me from your presence, and do not deprive me of your Holy Spirit.*  
 Community R: Be my Savior again. Renew my joy and keep my spirit steady and willing.

Community L: *Then I shall teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return unto you.*  
 Community R: Save me from death, O God, my Savior, and my tongue will acclaim your righteousness.

Community L: *Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.*  
 Community R: Sacrifice gives you no pleasure. Were I to offer a holocaust, you would not have it.

Community L: *My sacrifice is this broken spirit. You will not scorn my crushed and broken heart.*  
 Community R: Show your favor graciously to Zion, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Community L: *Then there will be proper sacrifice to please you—holocaust and whole oblation—and young bulls to be offered on your altar.* ~Ps. 51

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.  
 Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 42:1-9

Liturgist: From the depths I call to you, O Lord. Hear my cry.  
 Community: *Let your ear be attentive to the words of my prayer.*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 1:4-11

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing  
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
 Come to the feast of love; come ever knowing  
 Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O God, you are the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings and the bestower of affection who sends peace to those who receive it. Open to us this day the sea of your love, and water us with the plenteous streams from the riches of your grace. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Sow in us your fear. Strengthen our weakness by your power. Bind us closely to you and to one another in the firm bond of unity, for the sake of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Theme: The Transfiguration                      NONE                      Time: 3:00—6:00 p.m.

INVITATORY:

Liturgist:                      Lord, how great is your love!  
 Community:                      *In you is the source of our life.*  
 Liturgist:                      By your light we see light.  
 Community:                      *Our Savior Jesus Christ has appeared!*  
 Liturgist:                      The Lord has destroyed death; life and immortality shine forth.  
 Community:                      *By your light we see light.*  
 Liturgist:                      Glory to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
 Community:                      *Grace has now been revealed. Our Savior Jesus Christ has appeared.*

<p>1.          Crown him with many crowns,          The Lamb upon his throne;          Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns          All music but its own.          Awake my soul and sing          Of him who died for thee          And hail him as thy matchless King          Through all eternity.</p>	<p>2.          Crown him the Lord of life,          Who triumphed o'er the grave,          And rose victorious in the strife          For those he came to save;          His glories now we sing          Who died and rose on high          Who died, eternal life to bring,          And lives that death may die.</p>
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Liturgist:                      Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community:                      *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

PSALM:

Community R:                      Why this uproar among the nations? Why this impotent muttering of pagans?  
 Community L:                      *Why these kings of earth rising in revolt? Why these princes plotting against Yahweh, the Anointed One, saying:*  
 Community R:                      "Now let us break their fetters! Now let us throw off their yoke!"  
 Community L:                      *The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing and holds them in derision.*  
 Community R:                      Then angrily Yahweh addresses them, and terrifies them with his fury, saying:  
 Community L:                      *"I have set my king on Zion, my holy mountain!"*  
 Community R:                      I will proclaim the decree of Yahweh, who said to me, "You are my Son! Today I have begotten you.

Community L: *“Ask and I will give you the nations for your heritage, and the ends of the earth for your possession.*

Community R: *“You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*

Community L: *So now you kings, learn wisdom. You earthly rulers, be warned:*

Community R: *Serve Yahweh with fear and trembling. Humble yourselves and kiss Yahweh’s feet,*

Community L: *lest Yahweh be angry and you will perish. For Yahweh’s anger is quick to blaze.*

Community R: *Happy are they who take refuge in Yahweh. ~Ps. 2*

Liturgist: *O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.*

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *EXODUS 34:29-35*

Liturgist: *Loving Father, you transfigured your beloved Son and revealed the Holy Spirit in the bright cloud:*

Community: *Enable us to hear the word of Christ with faithful hearts.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: *MATT. 17:1-13*

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

*His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,*

*His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.*

*He is the mighty King, Master of everything;*

*His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.*

*He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,*

*Almighty God is he;*

*Bow down before him, love and adore him,*

*His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.*

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: *O God, who in the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may in faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.*

# DAY TWO

Theme: Eucharist

VESPERS

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: He was despised and rejected, and we took no account of him!

Community: *Even if we must die with you, we will never deny you!*

Liturgist: And yet, ours were the sufferings he bore. Ours were the sorrows he carried.

Community: *Even if we must die with you, we will never deny you!*

Liturgist: We thought of him as someone punished, struck by God and brought low.

Community: *Even if we must die with you, we will never deny you!*

Liturgist: But he was pierced-through for *our* faults, and crushed by no iniquity but our own!

Community: *Even if we must die with you, we will never deny you!*

Liturgist: Upon him lies a punishment that has brought us peace, and Through his wounds we are healed.

## HYMN:

1.	2.
The bread of life for all is broken!	With godly fear we seek thy presence
Christ drank the cup on Golgotha.	Our hearts distressed by people's grief.
God's grace we trust and spread with reverence	Thy holy face is stained by bitter tears;
This holy feast, and thus remember.	Our human pain still bearest thou with us.

3.  
 O Lord we pray, come thou among us,  
 Lighten our eyes, brightly appear!  
 Emmanuel, heaven's joy unending,  
 Our life with thine forever blending.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Attend to a just cause, O Yahweh, and listen to my petition.  
 Community L: *Lend an ear to my prayer from lips free from dishonesty.*  
 Community R: From your Presence let my sentence come, for your eyes are fixed on the right.  
 Community L: *If you would visit me in the night and probe my heart, you would find no wickedness in me, and no murmuring from me.*  
 Community R: My mouth has never sinned as others have. No! I have always treasured the words from your lips.

Community L: *I have deliberately walked in your footsteps, and my feet have not slipped.*

Community R: I will invoke you, O God, and you will answer me. You will turn your ear to me and hear my words.

Community L: *Wonderfully you show your steadfast love, O Savior of fugitives.*

Community R: As for me, my reward of virtue is to see your face. When I awake, I will gaze my fill upon your likeness. ~Ps. 17:1-7, 15

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXOD. 32:15-24

Liturgist: O Lord, do not stay away, for my agony is near.

Community: *O my strength, come quickly to help me!*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATT. 26:17-35

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
 Look full in his wonderful face  
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
 In the light of his glory and grace.

**[Here shall follow a brief service of Holy Communion]**

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Holy God, your Word Jesus Christ spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those of us who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred into love, conflict into peace, and death to eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.



dawn.  
 Community L: *Let Israel rely on Yahweh as much as those who watch for the dawn!*  
 Community R: *O Israel, hope in Yahweh, for it is with Yahweh that mercy and plenteous redemption shall be found!*  
 Community L: *It is Yahweh who shall redeem Israel from all its sins.*  
 ~Ps. 130

Liturgist: *O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.*  
 Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: LAM. 3:1-18

Liturgist: *My heart is breaking with grief! Stay and watch with me!*  
 Community: *Now the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinful men.*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 15:22-39

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

When I survey the wondrous cross  
 On which the Prince of Glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss,  
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Now that we are about to lie down to sleep, grant us, O Master, the repose of our soul and body. Preserve us against the dark slumber of sin and against any impure satisfaction that roams around in the darkness of night; quiet the assaults of our passions, arrest the darts that the Evil One insidiously throws at us, still the commotions of our flesh, and calm all earthly and worldly feelings within us. Grant us, O Lord, a watchful mind, innocent thoughts, a sober heart, a gentle sleep free from evil dreams; at the hour of prayer, arouse us, strong in the practice of your commands, and ever-mindful of your desires; give us the grace to sing your glory throughout the night; to praise, bless and glorify your all-honorable and magnificent name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. AMEN.

Theme: The Absence of God                      MATINS                      Time: Midnight—3:00 a.m.

INVITATORY:

Liturgist:                      When he saw that the sun had hidden its rays, and that the veil of the Temple was rent as the Savior died, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and pleaded:  
 Community :                      *Give me that stranger, killed in hatred by his own people.*  
 Liturgist:                      Give me that stranger upon whom I gaze with wonder, as the guest of death.  
 Community:                      *Give me that stranger that I may bury him in a tomb, who being a stranger has no place to lay his head.*  
 Liturgist:                      Give me that stranger upon whom his mother cried-out as she saw him dead:  
 Community:                      *“My Son, I am cut to the heart as I see you dead! Yet, trusting in your resurrection, I magnify you.”*  
 Liturgist:                      Joseph took your body, and with holy fear, anointed it with spices, wrapped it in linen and placed you in a tomb, you who grant mercy and everlasting life to us all!

HYMN:

1.	2.
Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I.	Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
3.	4.
Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in, When God, the mighty maker died For man the creature’s sin.	Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears; Dissolve my heart in thankfulness And melt my eyes to tears.

Liturgist:                      Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community:                      Let Psalms declare the glory of God’s name.

PSALM:

Community R:                      Yahweh my God, I cry out all day and at night I weep before you. Hear my prayer and listen to my cry for help!  
 Community L:                      *So many troubles have befallen me that my life is on the brink of Sheol. I am numbered among those who go down to the pit; all my strength is gone.*  
 Community R:                      I am abandoned among the dead, among the slaughtered lying in their graves—among those you have forgotten completely, and who are deprived of your protecting hand.

Community L: *You have thrown me into the depths of the tomb, into the deepest and darkest pit. I am weighed-down by your anger and drowned beneath your waves.*

Community R: *You have caused my friends to abandon me, and have made me repulsive to them. I am hemmed-in and cannot escape. My eyes are worn-out from suffering.*

Community L: *Since my youth I have suffered and been near to death. I bore your terrors, but now I am exhausted and overwhelmed by your anger.*

Community R: *All day long your terrors surround me like a flood. They close-in from every side!*

Community L: *You have turned even my closest friends against me. Now, darkness is my only companion left. ~Ps. 88:1-9. 15-18*

Liturgist: *O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.*

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *EZEK. 37:1-15*

Liturgist: *O Lord my God, do not forsake me! Stay not far from me.*

Community: *Come close to help me, O Lord of my salvation.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: *MARK 15;23-47*

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'Tis all that I can do.*

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: *O God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give us contrite hearts;*

*O Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal us with your wounds.*

*O Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to us words of pardon and peace.*

Liturgist: *Save us Lord, when we are awake;*

Community: *Guard us Lord, when we are asleep.*

Liturgist: *Awake, we will watch with Christ.*

Community: *Asleep we will rest in peace.. AMEN.*

Theme: Resurrection

LAUDS

Time: 3:00-6:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

[The paschal candle is lit.]

Liturgist: Lord Jesus, you are a light shining in our darkness. You lead us into life and grant us the gift of holiness.

Community: *May we spend this day in praise of your glory.*

Liturgist: Lord, in your day you walked the way of suffering and crucifixion;

Community: *May we suffer and die with you, and be raised to share your glory.*

Liturgist: Son of the Father, our master and brother, you have made us a kingdom of priests for our God.

Community: *May we then offer you our joyful sacrifice of praise.*

Liturgist: King of Glory, we eagerly await the day of your coming in Splendor,

Community: *when we will see you face to face, and be transformed into your likeness.*

## HYMN:

<p>1. Lo! Jesus meets thee Risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For our Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.</p>	<p>2. No more we doubt thee, Glorious prince of life! Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors Through thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.</p>
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Refrain: Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Deep within the hearts of the wicked there is a voice of rebellion; There is no fear of God in their eyes.

Community L: *They flatter themselves in their own eyes, saying, "Our hateful sins will not be found out!"*

Community R: Their words are wicked and deceitful, and they have left-off

- Community L: acting wisely and doing good.  
*They think-up wickedness on their beds, and do not abhor that which is evil.*
- Community R: But your steadfast love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- Community L: *Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains and your justice like the great deep. You save both humans and beasts.*
- Community R: How precious is your love, O Lord. Under the shade of your wings we take refuge.
- Community L: *We feast upon the abundance of your house and you give us drink from your river of delights.*
- Community R: For with you is the fountain of life, and by your light we see light.
- Community L: *O continue your steadfast love toward those who know you, and your salvation to the true in heart.*
- Community R: Let not the foot of the proud approach me, nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.
- Community L: *See how those who work wickedness have fallen! They are cast down, unable to rise!* ~Ps. 36

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 55:1-11

Liturgist: Yesterday I was buried with you, O Christ! Today I will rise with you in your resurrection.

Community: *Yesterday I was crucified with you. Today you will glorify me in your kingdom.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATT. 28:1-10

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Crown him the Lord of love;  
 Behold his hands and side,  
 Those wounds, yet visible above,  
 In beauty glorified.  
 All hail, Redeemer hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 Throughout eternity.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: We thank you, O Lord our God, for making us rise from our beds and setting upon our lips these words of praise, that we may worship you and call upon your holy name. As you have blessed our lives with goodness and compassion, we pray that you will send your help to those who stand in need of your abundant mercy. May those who have served you unceasingly worship and adore your unutterable goodness.

Liturgist: For to you belong all glory, honor and praise;

Community: *Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever, to the ages of ages. AMEN.*

Theme: Pentecost

PRIME

Time: 6:00—9:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: O God, you continually breathe upon the soul, and the soul  
Is continually breathing unto you;

Community: *Grace descends to our hearts, and our praise and prayer  
ascend to heaven.*

Liturgist: By this spiritual respiration, our souls are sustained, and we  
grow-up till we come to the full measure and stature of  
Christ.

Community: *From hence it manifestly appears what is the nature of the  
new birth—that great change which you work in souls when  
you bring them to life; when you raise us from the death of  
sin to a new life of righteousness.*

Liturgist: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and implant in us a new  
and constant spirit.

## HYMN:

1.	2.
Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove	And shall we then forever live
With all thy quickening powers.	At this poor dying rate?
Kindle a flame of sacred love	Our love so faint, so cold to thee
In these cold hearts of ours.	And thine to us so great.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: I lift my eyes to the hills! From where does my help come?

Community L: *My help comes from Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.*

Community R: Our God does not let our footsteps slip. Our protector does  
not doze!

Community L: *The guardian of Israel neither dozes nor sleeps.*

Community R: Yahweh guards and shades you. The sun cannot strike you  
by day, nor the moon by night!

Community L: *Yahweh guards you from harm and will continue to guard  
your life!*

Community R: Yahweh guards your going out and your coming in, now and  
forever. ~Ps. 121

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

NUM. 11:16-20

Liturgist: We have seen the true light, have received the heavenly Spirit and have found the true faith.

Community: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

MATT. 28:16-20

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
 Since he cleansed and made me whole,  
 I will never cease to praise him;  
 I'll shout it while eternity rolls.  
 He touched me,  
 O he touched me,  
 And O the joy that fills my soul!  
 Something happened, and now I know,  
 He touched me and made me whole.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: God eternal, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your church and open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Theme: Epiphany

TERCE

Time: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: O little child lying in a manger, by means of a star, heaven has called and led to you the magi, who were astounded to behold, not scepters and thrones, but extreme poverty.

Community: *What indeed is lower than a cave? What is humbler than swaddling clothes? And yet the splendor of your divinity shone forth through them.*

Liturgist: O Christ, what shall we offer you for appearing on earth for our sake?

Community: *Let every creature give thanks to you; let the angels offer their praises; let the heavens give a star; let the wise men present their gifts and the shepherds, their wonder!*

Liturgist: As for us, we offer you a mother—a virgin mother!

## HYMN:

1.	2.
Brightest and best of the stars or the morning,	Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;	Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,	Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.	Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Liturgist: Make as joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Bow down your ear, "Yahweh, and answer me, poor and needy as I am;

Community L: *Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful. Save your servant who relies upon you.*

Community R: You are my God! O Lord, have pity on me. I call upon you all the day long.

Community L: *Give your servant reason to rejoice. For to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Community R: Lord, you are good and forgiving, most loving to those who invoke you.

Community L: *Yahweh, hear my prayer and listen to me as I plead.*

Community R: Lord, in trouble I invoke you, for you will answer my prayer.

Community L: *Among the gods, there is none to compare with you, and no achievement to compare with yours.*

Community R: All the pagans will come and adore you and glorify your holy name.

Community L: *For you alone are great, and do wondrous things. You alone*

*are God.*

Community R: Yahweh, teach me your way, and how to walk in your truth.  
Make me single-hearted in fearing your name.

Community L: *I thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify  
your name forever.*

Community R: For your love toward me is great, and you have rescued me  
from the depths of Sheol.

Community L: *The arrogant rise up against me, O God. A brutal gang is  
hounding me to death—people to whom you mean nothing!*

Community R: But you, O God are always merciful and tender-hearted,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Community L: *Turn to me and have pity. Give me your strength and your  
saving help. Save this child of your handmaiden.*

Community R: Give me one proof of your goodness, so that those who hate  
me will see it and be ashamed.

Community L: *Show them that you are my help and my consolation.*

~Ps. 86

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 11:1-10

Liturgist: For to us a child is born. To us a Son is given. Alleluia!

Community: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Alleluia!*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: GAL. 4:4-7

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Glorious now behold him arise;

King and God and sacrifice:

Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Star of wonder, star of light,

Star with royal beauty bright.

Westward leading, still proceeding,

Guide us to thy perfect light.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world: grant that your people, illumined by your Word and  
Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be  
known, worshiped and obeyed to the ends of the earth. Guide our steps in the  
way of peace until the Perfect Day begins to dawn in us, and until the Morning  
Star rises in our hearts. AMEN.



Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 1:16-20

Liturgist: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Community: *The Lord who is God has appeared to us.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

MATT. 3:1-17

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

The church's one foundation  
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
 She is his new creation  
 By water and the word.  
 From heaven he came and sought her  
 To be his holy bride;  
 With his own blood he bought her,  
 And for her life he died.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus, at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN

Theme: The Transfiguration                      NONE                      Time: 3:00-6:00 p.m.

INVITATORY:

Liturgist:                      How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one  
who brings good news, the good news of peace!

Community:                      *The Word was made flesh. He tented among us and we saw  
his glory, the glory that is as the only Son of the Father, full of  
grace and truth.*

Liturgist:                      Indeed, from his fullness we have all received grace upon  
Grace.

Community:                      *God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth have  
come from Jesus Christ.*

Liturgist:                      No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son who is nearest  
To the Father's heart, who has made him known.  
*~Isa. 52:7 & Jn. 1:14-16-18*

HYMN:

1.	2.
Spirit of life, in this new dawn, Give us the faith that follows on, Letting thy all-pervading power Fulfill the dreams of this high hour.	Spirit creative, give us light Lifting the raveled mists of night; Touch thou our dust with Spirit hand And make us souls that understand.
3.	4.
Spirit consoling, let us find Thy hand when sorrows leave us blind; In the gray valley let us hear Thy silent voice, "Lo, I am near."	Spirit of love, at evening time When weary feet refuse to climb, Give us thy vision, eyes that see Beyond the dark, the dawn and thee.

PSALM:

Community R:                      Bless Yahweh, O my soul! Bless God's holy name!

Community L:                      *Bless Yahweh, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits;*

Community R:                      who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy;

Community L:                      *who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your  
youth is renewed like an eagle's;*

Community R:                      Yahweh always does what is right and is always on the side  
of the oppressed;

Community L:                      *Yahweh revealed his intentions to Moses and his prowess to  
the children of Israel.*

Community R:                      Yahweh is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abound-  
ing in steadfast love.

Community L:                      *Yahweh will not always chide, nor harbor anger forever.*

Community R:                      Yahweh never deals with us according to our sins, nor  
repays us according to our iniquities.

Community L: *For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the steadfast love of Yahweh toward the faithful;*  
 Community R: Yahweh takes our sins farther away than the East is from the West.  
 Community L: *As a father shows compassion on his children, so Yahweh shows compassion to the faithful.*  
 Community R: Yahweh knows what we are made of and remembers that we are dust.  
 Community L: *Mortals last no longer than the grass, and no longer than the wildflowers of the field.*  
 Community R: One gust of wind and they are gone—never to be seen again.  
 Community L: *But the steadfast love of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon the faithful, and to their children’s children,*  
 Community R: so long as they keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ~Ps. 103:1-18

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate upon your precepts.  
 Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXOD. 24:12-18

Liturgist: Lord, how good is it for us to be here!  
 Community: *As we listen to the voice of your Son, help us to become heirs of eternal life with him.*

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!  
 May I thy consolation share,  
 Till, from Mt. Pisgah’s lofty height,  
 I view my home and take my flight:  
 This robe of flesh I’ll drop and rise  
 To seize the everlasting prize;  
 And shout, while passing through the air,  
 “Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.”

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: God our Father, in the transfigured glory of Christ your Son, you strengthen our faith by confirming the witness of your prophets, and show us the splendor of your beloved sons and daughters. As we listen to the voice of your Son, help us to become heirs to eternal life with him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.

# DAY THREE

Theme: Eucharist

VESPERS

Time: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Listen while I sing this song to you. It is a song of my friend and his love for his vineyard.

Community: *My friend had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug the soil, cleared away the stones and planted the finest vines there. He built a tower to guard them and dug a pit there also.*

Liturgist: He waited for the grapes to ripen, but every grape was sour.

Community: *So now my friend says, "Listen now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judah. I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.*

Liturgist: "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? Why did it yield sour grapes and not the good ones I expected?"

Community: *"So now listen to what I am going to do with my vineyard: I will take away the hedge that protects it and let the wild beasts graze therein!"*

Liturgist: "I will break-down its wall, so that they may trample upon it. "I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug, and let it be covered with briars and thorns."

Community: *Yes, Israel is the vineyard of Yahweh Sabaoth, the people of Judah the choicest vines.*

Liturgist: God expected them to do what is right, but found bloodshed; God expected integrity but found only a cry of distress.

*~Isaiah 5:1-7*

HYMN: Fill my cup, Lord. I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Save me by your power, O God, and set me free by your might.

Community L: *O God, hear my prayer and listen to my words.*

Community R: Arrogant foes are coming to attack me, brutes who are hounding me to death, and people who do not care about God.

Community L: *But God is coming to help me. The Lord is coming to defend me!*

Community R: May the wickedness of my enemies recoil upon themselves,  
O Yahweh, ever-faithful, destroy my enemies!

Community L: *I will gladly offer you a sacrifice, O Yahweh. I will give you  
thanks because you are good.*

Community R: You have rescued me from my troubles and have let me see  
my enemies defeated. ~Ps. 54

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXOD. 34:1-9

Liturgist: You show no pleasure in sacrifice. If I offered you a burnt  
offering, you would not take it.

Community: *My sacrifice is a broken spirit. The broken heart you do not  
despise.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

JOHN 13

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,  
Fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from you.

1.	2.
Loving puts us on our knees,	Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Serving as though we are slaves,	Silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with you.	This is the way we should live with you.

**[Here shall follow a brief service of Holy Communion]**

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for  
whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the  
hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN



## PSALM:

Community R: O God, my guardian and defender, you answer me when I call;

Community L: *When I am in trouble, you come to my relief. Be kind to me now and hear my prayer.*

Community R: How long will you insult me, O people? How long will you love vain words and seek what is false?

Community L: *Know this! Yahweh works wonders for the righteous, set apart as Yahweh's own. Yahweh hears when I call.*

Community R: Be angry, but do not sin. Spend your night in quiet meditation. Offer sacrifices in a right spirit, and trust Yahweh.

Community L: *There are many who pray, "Give us more blessings, O Yahweh!" Show us the light of your face turned toward us!*

Community R: Yahweh, you have put more joy in my heart than others ever knew, for all their corn and wine!

Community L: *When I lie down, I fall asleep in peace. You alone, O Yahweh, make me rest secure.* ~Psalm 4

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 11:4-10

Liturgist: In the day of distress I seek the Lord.

Community: At night I hold out my hand to him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: HEBREWS 9:11-14

## SILENCE:

## FREE PRAYER &amp; RESPONSE:

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

Refrain: Redeemed, redeemed,  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb  
Redeemed, redeemed,  
His child, and forever, I am.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life, for he is the One who was crucified, dead and buried, and rose again for us. Guard us, then, when we are asleep. Awake we will watch with Him and asleep we will rest in peace.

AMEN

Theme: The Absence of God

MATINS

Midnight—3:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Since he has borne our iniquities, we may well bear those of each other for His sake.

Community: *Let us abandon all and strip ourselves of all.*

Liturgist: Let us follow Jesus Christ naked to Bethlehem where He was born; naked to the hall where He was scourged; and naked to Calvary, where He died on the cross.

Community: *This is so great a mercy that neither the thing nor the knowledge of it, is given to any but through faith in the Son of God.*  
~John Wesley

## HYMN:

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.	2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God; All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet. Or thorns compose so rich a crown.	4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations!

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

Community R: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so thirsts my soul for you, O God.

Community L: *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I go to behold the face of God?*

Community R: I have no food but my tears, day and night; and all day long people say to me, "Where is your God?"

Community L: *These things I remember, and my soul melts within me: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, among the cries of exultant praise of the multitude keeping festival.*

Community R: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why do you sigh within me?

Community L: *Put your hope in God whom yet I shall praise—my help and my God!*

Community R: I think of you when my soul is downcast within me; from the land of Jordan and Hermon, and of you, humble mountain!

Community L: *Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your breakers have rolled over me.*

Community R: In the daytime may Yahweh command his steadfast love, and at night may God's song be on my lips—a prayer to the God of my life!

Community L: *Let me say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?" Why do I mourn because of the oppression of my enemy?*

Community R: Nearly breaking my bones, my adversaries taunt me and ask me continually, "Where is your God?"

Community L: *Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why do you sigh within me?*

Community R: Put your hope in God whom again I shall praise, my help and my God. ~Psalm 42

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 38:9-20

Liturgist: Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death.

Community: *The world is mourning as for an only son.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 23:44-56

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
 I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
 Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
 My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Theme: Resurrection

LAUDS

Time: 3:00-6:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

[The paschal candle is lit.]

Liturgist: Come, O faithful, and let us rise at the break of dawn;  
instead of ointments. Let us bring hymns of praise to the  
Master;

Community: *Then shall we look upon Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
who grants life to us all.*

Liturgist: O Christ, those who were bound in Hades ran to your Light  
with great joy, and experienced your boundless love!

Community: *So with lamps in hand, let us go forth to Christ rising from the  
tomb, as we would go to a bridegroom with the feasting  
multitude.*

Liturgist: Let us celebrate the Passover of our God! Christ is risen from  
the dead!

Community: *He has crushed death by His death and given life to those  
who lay in the tomb!*

Liturgist: Jesus is risen indeed, as He foretold! He has given us  
eternal life and abundant mercy. ~From a Byzantine Liturgy

## HYMN:

1.  
Low in the grave he lay, Jesus  
My Savior;  
Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus, my Lord!

2.  
Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus  
My Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose.  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Alleluia! Christ arose!

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations!

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name!*

## PSALM:

Community R: O Yahweh, you have searched me and known me!

Community L: *You know if I am standing or sitting; you read my thoughts  
from afar.*

Community R: Whether I walk or am lying down, you are watching me, and  
know every detail of my conduct.

Community L: *Even before a word is on my tongue, O Yahweh, you know all about it.*

Community R: You pursue me behind and ahead, and shield me with your hand.

Community L: *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is from a height to which my mind cannot reach.*

Community R: Where could I go to escape your spirit? Where could I flee from your presence?

Community L: *If I climb up to heaven, you are there, and there too if I make my bed in Hell!*

Community R: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall guide me and your right hand hold me.

Community L: *If I asked the darkness to cover me, and the light to become night around me,*

Community R: that darkness would not be dark to you. The night would be as bright as the day.

Community L: *O God! How hard it is to grasp your thoughts! They are impossible to count!*

Community R: If I *could* count them, they would be more than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

Community L: *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!*

Community R: Make sure there is no wicked way in me, and guide me in the way that is everlasting. ~Ps.139:1-12;17-18;23-24

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PROV. 8:1-4;22-31

Liturgist: The Lord arose as one coming out of sleep!

Community: Our Savior has raised us up! Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 16:1-8

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

I'd stay in the garden with him  
 Though the night around me be falling;  
 But he bids me go;  
 Through the voice of woe  
 His voice to me is calling.

Refrain: And he walks with me and he talks with me,  
 And he tells me I am his own;  
 And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
 None other has ever known.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: God of grace, you cause the sun to rise and chase away the shadows of death. Each day you promise resurrection, that we may be born again to new life and overcome all that would hurt or destroy. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be alive again with the power and peace of Jesus Christ, through whom you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed the power of sin and death. AMEN

Theme: Pentecost

PRIME

Time: 6:00—9:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: In days of old, pride confused the tongues of the builders of the tower of Babel, but now, our diversity enlightens minds and declares the vastness of God's mercy;

Community: *Then, a faithless generation was punished for its sin, but now, God enlightens the humble of heart through the Spirit;*

Liturgist: Then, confusion of tongues came as a judgment, but now, a diversity of voices celebrates the salvation of our souls.

Community: *Create in us clean hearts, O God, and plant within us a new and constant spirit.*

Liturgist: Do not banish us from your presence, and do not deprive us of your Holy Spirit. *~Adapted from a Byzantine liturgy*

## HYMN:

1.  
O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

3.  
He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

2.  
My gracious Master and my God.  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

4.  
Hear him ye deaf; his praise ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout all the earth!

Community L: *Your majesty is chanted above the heavens by the mouths of children and babes in arms:*

Community R: You have set-up a bulwark against your foes to subdue the enemy and the avenger.

Community L: *I look up at your heavens, the work of your fingers, and at the moon and stars which you have established:*

Community R: Ah! What are mortals that you should care for them, and human beings that you should spare a thought for them?

Community L: *Yet, you have made them a little less than God, and have crowned them with glory and honor.*

Community R: You have given them dominion over the work of your hands,  
and set all things under their feet:

Community L: *all sheep and oxen, and all the beasts of the field,*

Community R: the birds of the air, all the fish of the sea, and whatever  
travels among the paths of the ocean.

Community L: *Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.*  
~Psalm 8

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Liturgist: God, create in us clean hearts, and plant within us a new  
and constant spirit.

Community: *Do not banish us from your presence, and do not deprive us of  
your Holy Spirit.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

MARK 16:9-20

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

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| <p>1.<br/>Where cross the crowded ways of life,<br/>Where sound the cries of race and clan,<br/>Above the noise of selfish strife<br/>We hear you voice, O Son of Man.</p>      | <p>2.<br/>In haunts of wretchedness and need<br/>On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,<br/>From paths where hide the lures of greed,<br/>We catch the vision of your tears.</p> |
| <p>3.<br/>Till all the world shall learn your love<br/>And follow where your feet have trod,<br/>Till, glorious from your heaven above,<br/>Shall come the city of our God.</p> |   |

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Eternal God, whose image lies in the hearts of all  
people, we live among peoples whose ways are different from ours, whose  
faiths are foreign to us, whose tongues are unintelligible to us.

Help us to remember that you love all people with your great love, that all  
religion is an attempt to respond to you, that the yearnings of other hearts are  
much like our own and are known to you.

Help us to recognize you in the words of truth, the things of beauty, the  
actions of love about us.

We pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no one land more than another,  
and to every land no less than to another. AMEN ~ *The World Council of Churches*

Theme: Epiphany

TERCE

Time: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

## INVITATORY:

- Liturgist: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of Yahweh is rising upon you, although night still covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.
- Community: *My own eyes have seen the salvation you have prepared in the sight of every nation.*
- Liturgist: Above you Yahweh now rises, and above you God's glory appears.
- Community: *The nations shall come to your light, and rulers to the brightness of your rising.*
- Liturgist: Throngs of camels will cover you—dromedaries from Midian and Epah.
- Community: *Everyone from Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praises of Yahweh.*
- Liturgist: Our eyes shall see the salvation you have prepared in the sight of every nation! ~Isa. 60:1,3,6

## HYMN:

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| <p>1.<br/>O Morning Star, how fair and bright:<br/>Thou beamest forth in truth and light.<br/>O Sovereign meek and lowly!<br/>Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,<br/>My Lord and Master, thou hast won<br/>My heart to serve thee solely!<br/>Thou art holy,<br/>Fair and glorious, all-victorious,<br/>Rich in blessing,<br/>Rule and might o'er all possessing,</p> | <p>2.<br/>Thou heavenly brightness, Light divine<br/>O deep within my heart now shine,<br/>And make me there an altar!<br/>Fill me with joy and strength to be<br/>Thy member ever joined to thee<br/>In love that cannot falter;<br/>Toward thee longing,<br/>Doth possess me; turn and bless me<br/>Here in sadness,<br/>Eye and heart long for thy gladness.</p> |
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- Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

- Community R: Yahweh said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for you!"
- Community L: *Yahweh will send the scepter of your power out from Zion saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.*
- Community R: "Royal dignity was yours from the day you were born; in the beauty of holiness I have begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning."

Community L: *Yahweh has sworn and will not recant, "You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and forever."*

Community R: The Lord who is at your right hand will grow angry and smite kings, giving the nations their just deserts.

Community L: *Yahweh will heap high the corpses, and smash heads over the wide earth.*

Community R: The Lord will drink from the stream beside the road, and hold up his head in victory. *~Psalm 110*

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *ISAIAH 12:1-6*

Liturgist: Lord, let the light of your glory shine within us.

Community: *Lead us through the darkness of this world to the radiant joy of your eternal home.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: *2 TIM. 1:9-13*

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

*Refrain:* Go tell it on the mountain.  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Lord Jesus, unconquered light, your power has dawned upon the world with transforming love. Grant that we, who greet you on this joyful morning may be found faithful at day's end, and in that final day be gathered with all your children to that city whose light is the radiance of your face, for you reign in splendor now and forever. AMEN.

Theme: The Baptism of our Lord      SEXT      Time: Noon—3:00 p.m.

INVITATORY:

Liturgist:            A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and a bud shall blossom from its roots:  
 Community:        *Upon Him shall my spirit rest, and He will show the nations the holiness of God;*  
 Liturgist:            a spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
 Community:        *a spirit of counsel and might;*  
 Liturgist:            a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh.  
 Community:        *And His delight shall be the fear of Yahweh.*

~Isa. 11:1-3 & 42:1b

HYMN:

<p>1.          Jesus, lover of my soul,          Let me to thy bosom fly,          While the nearer waters roll,          While the tempest still is high:          Hide me, O my Savior, hide,          Till the storm of life is past;          Safe into the haven glide.          O receive my soul at last.</p>	<p>2.          Plenteous grace with thee is found,          Grace to cover all my sin;          Let the healing streams abound;          Make and keep me pure within.          Thou of life the fountain art;          Freely let me take of thee.          Spring thou up within my heart;          Rise to all eternity.</p>
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Liturgist:            Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community:        *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

PSALM:

Community R:      Listen to this statute, my people, and pay attention to what I say.  
 Community L:      *I am going to tell you a parable, and expound upon the mysteries of our past:*  
 Community R:      Things that we have heard and known for ourselves, and the things that our ancestors have told us that we will not withhold from our children.  
 Community L:      *We will proclaim to the coming generation Yahweh's glorious deeds, might and miracles.*  
 Community R:      We will relate how the Ephraimites, armed with their bows, turned tail and ran when the time came to fight, because they had not kept the covenant, and refused to follow God's law.  
 Community L:      *They had forgotten the achievements of Yahweh, as well as the marvels they had been shown.*

- Community R: Yahweh, down in Egypt, wrought marvels for their ancestors in the plains of Zoan.
- Community L: *Yahweh divided the sea and let them pass through it, making the waters stand up like dikes, leading them with a cloud by day, and through the night with a fiery light;*
- Community R: Splitting rocks in the wilderness, and quenching their thirst with unlimited water, conjuring streams from the rock and bringing down water in torrents.
- Community L: *In spite of that, they sinned more than ever against their God, defying the Most High in the desert, and deliberately challenging God by demanding the food they craved.*
- Community R: They spoke against God, saying, "Can God also spread a banquet in the wilderness? Admittedly, God struck the rock so that the water gushed forth and streams overflowed, but can God also give bread and provide meat for the people?"
- Community L: *Putting no faith in God's marvels, they went on sinning. So God made their days like a breath, and turned their years into terror.*
- Community R: Whenever God slew them they would come to their senses for awhile, remembering that God was their rock. Then they would repent and seek God earnestly, remembering the Most High, their redeemer.
- Community L: *They flattered God with their mouths, but lied with their tongues. In their hearts they were untrue to God, and unfaithful to the covenant.*
- Community R: And yet, God, being compassionate, forgave their guilt instead of killing them, repressing anger instead of rousing its full wrath.
- Community L: *And God remembered that they were creatures of flesh, and a puff of wind that passes and is gone.*

~Ps. 78:1-4;9-20;32-39

- Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.
- Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 49:1-6

- Liturgist: The Father's voice resounded from the heavens:
- Community: *This is my Son in whom I delight. Listen to what he says to you.*
- NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 3:1-18, 21-22

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Refrain: *O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Grant, O Lord, that through our worship this day we may be awakened to the wonder of thy love for us; that familiar words may shine with new meaning and that the habit of worship may be cleansed of all stale formality and mere ceremonial observance. Open our eyes to see thy loveliness and make our hearts to burn within us, so that in wondering awe we may know ourselves forgiven, cleansed and energized with new life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN. *~Adapted from Leslie Weatherhead*

Theme: Transfiguration                      NONE                      Time: 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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INVITATORY:

Liturgist:                      Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, where he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak, and this is what he taught them:

Community:                      *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven;*

Liturgist:                      Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth;

Community:                      *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted;*

Liturgist:                      Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they shall be satisfied;

Community:                      *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy;*

Liturgist:                      Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God;

Community:                      *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God;*

Liturgist:                      Blessed are the persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Community:                      *Arise, shine, for your Light has come.*

Liturgist:                      Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

HYMN:

<p>1.</p> <p>O tell of his might, O sing of His grace. Whose robe is the Light, whose Canopy space His chariots of wrath the deep Thunderclouds form And dark is his path on the Wings of the storm.</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Frail children of dust, and feeble As frail, In thee do we trust, nor find thee To fail; His mercies how tender, so firm To the end Our maker, defender, redeemer and And friend.</p>
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Liturgist:                      Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community:                      *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

PSALM:

Community R:                      O God, do not remain silent. Do not keep still or hold your peace.

Community L:                      *See how your enemies are stirring, and how those who hate you have lifted up their heads.*

Community R:                      They weave a plot against your people, conspiring against those you protect, and saying:

Community L: *“Come, let us finish them off as a nation, and let the name of Israel be forgotten!”*

Community R: They are unanimous in their plot and have made an alliance against you: the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, the Moabites and Hagarenes;

Community L: *Gebal, Ammon and Amalek; the Philistines and the Tyrians; The Assyrians have also joined them and have come to reinforce the people of Lot.*

Community R: Do to them as you did to Midian, to Sisera and to Jabin at the river of Kishon. Wiped-out at Endor, they served to dung the ground.

Community L: *Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeeb, their commanders like Zeba and Zalmunna, who said, “Let us take for ourselves the dwellings of God!”*

Community R: O my God, bowl them along like tumbleweed, like chaff at the mercy of the wind; like fire that burns down a forest, like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

Community L: *Drive them on with your whirlwind and terrify them with your storm; cover their faces with shame, O Yahweh, until they seek your name.*

Community R: Let them be disgraced and terrified forever; let them be put to confusion and perish.

Community L: *Let them know this: you alone bear the name Yahweh, and you alone are the Most High over all the earth. ~Ps. 83*

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I KINGS 19:1-18

Liturgist: You have given us your great love, and we are called your children.

Community: *When Christ is revealed, may we be like him, seeing him as he is.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 9:22-36

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God.

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright;

And Christ's great kingdom  
Shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: God our Father, in the transfigured glory of Christ your Son, you strengthen our faith by confirming the witness of your prophets, and show us the splendor of your beloved sons and daughters. As we listen to the voice of your Son, help us to become heirs to eternal life with Him who is our light and salvation, and in whose light we see light. AMEN.

# DAY FOUR

Theme: Eucharist

VESPERS

Time: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: When the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles were with him. He said to them, "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

Community: *But alas for the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.*

Liturgist: Then he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves because, I tell you, from now on I shall not drink wine until the Kingdom of God comes."

Community: *But alas for the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.*

Liturgist: Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, "This is my body, which will be broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Community: *But alas for the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.*

Liturgist: And likewise after supper, he took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured-out for you."

Community: *But alas for the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.*

Liturgist: "And yet," he said, "here at table is the hand of the one who betrays me, for the Son of Man goes to his fate as has been determined."

Community: *But alas for the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.*

## HYMN:

1.	2.
Hail thou once despised Jesus!	Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
Hail, thou Galilean King!	All our sins on thee were laid;
Thou didst suffer to release us;	By almighty love appointed,
Thou didst free salvation bring.	Thou hast full atonement made.
Hail thou universal Savior,	Every sin may be forgiven
Who hast borne our sin and shame!	Through the virtue of thy blood;
By thy merits we find favor;	Opened is the gate of heaven,
Life is given through thy name.	Reconciled are we with God.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise, all you nations.  
 Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: The fool says from the heart, "There is no God!" All are corrupt and commit vile acts. There is no one who does any good.

Community L: *God looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone wise, and if there is anyone who seeks after God.*

Community R: Everyone has turned aside; all alike are tainted, and there is no one who does any good! No, not one!

Community L: *They are so ignorant, these evildoers who eat-up my people like bread and never call upon God!*

Community R: They will be struck with fear—fear without reason;

Community L: *For God has scattered the bones of the enemy. They are disgraced, because God has rejected them.*

Community R: Who shall bring to Israel deliverance out of Zion?

Community L: *When God restores the fortunes of the people, what joy there will be for Jacob! What happiness for Israel! ~Ps. 53*

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: LEV. 7:11-15

Liturgist: He has established peace on your borders.

Community: *He satisfies you with the finest wheat.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LK. 22:14-38

## SILENCE:

## FREE PRAYER &amp; RESPONSE:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
 Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
 Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
 There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,  
 Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
 Grace, grace, God's grace,  
 Grace that is greater than all our sin.

**[Here shall follow a brief service of Holy Communion]**

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Father, for your glory and salvation you appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. By his human birth and dire poverty, his fastings, temptations and anguish of soul, he has won for you a new people, and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.



PSALM:

- Community R: Blessed are they who consider the needy! Yahweh will deliver them in the day of trouble.
- Community L: *Yahweh preserves them and keeps them alive. So that they shall be happy in the land, you do not give them up to the will of their enemies.*
- Community R: Yahweh sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness.
- Community L: *As for me, I said, "Yahweh, take pity on me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you."*
- Community R: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?"
- Community L: *When they come to visit me, their hearts are full of spite, while their hearts gather rumors. Then they go outside and spread them.*
- Community R: All my enemies whisper together about me and devise evil against me.
- Community L: *They say, "This sickness is fatal that has fastened on him! He has taken to his bed and will never get up again!"*
- Community R: Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, has turned against me!
- Community L: *But you, Yahweh, take pity on me! Raise me up and I shall pay them back.*
- Community R: By this I know that you are pleased with me, that my enemy does not triumph over me.
- Community L: *In my integrity you hold me fast, and shall set me before your face forever.*
- Community R: Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from age to age!  
Amen! Amen! ~Ps. 41

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 50:4-11

Liturgist: Christ our Redeemer, you were obedient even unto death.

Community: Teach us to die with you that we may rise with you.

SILENCE"

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O Lord God, who in your most holy power sustains the universe, be patient with us: do not be angry at our wicked deeds, but take away our guilt; remember your compassion and mercy and in your goodness come to our aid. In your grace, grant that for what remains of this day we may be untouched by the scheming of the evil one, and that we may live our lives in safety, free from every snare, through the grace of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Theme: The Absence of God                      MATINS                      Time: Midnight--3:00 a.m.

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INVITATORY:

Liturgist:                      By your most bitter passion and death;  
    By your agony and bloody sweat;  
    By your thrice repeated prayer;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*  
 Liturgist:                      By your bonds and stripes;  
    By your sacred body buffeted and smitten;  
    By the spitting on your beautiful face;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*  
 Liturgist:                      By the false judgment pronounced upon you by Caiaphas;  
    By your being despised by Herod;  
    By the shameful stripping of our garments;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*  
 Liturgist:                      By your purple robe of mockery;  
    By your most unjust condemnation;  
    By your bearing your own cross;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*  
 Liturgist:                      By your footprints to the place of death;  
    By your nakedness in the face of your executioners;  
    By the cruel straining of your sacred limbs;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*  
 Liturgist:                      By your dread crucifixion;  
    By the lifting-up of your cross;  
    By the anguish which you suffered;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*  
 Liturgist:                      By your prayers and tears;  
    By the insults that you endured;  
    By the love wherewith you did love us to the end;  
 Community:                      *O Jesus, deliver us.*

HYMN:

<p>1.          Beneath the cross of Jesus          I fain would take my stand,          The shadow of a mighty rock          Within a weary land;          A home within the wilderness,          A rest upon the way,          From the burning of the noontide heat,          And the burden of the day.</p>	<p>2.          Upon that cross of Jesus          Mine eye at times can see          The very dying form of one          Who suffered there for me.          And from my stricken heart with tears          Two wonders I confess,          The wonders of redeeming love,          And my unworthiness.</p>
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Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
 Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Come O children, and listen to me. I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.

Community L: *Which of you wants to live life to the full, and covets many days to enjoy good?*

Community R: Malice must be banished from your tongue, and deceitful conversation from your lips.

Community L: *Never yield to evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

Community R: The face of Yahweh frowns upon evildoers, to wipe their memory from the earth;

Community L: *The eyes of Yahweh are turned to the righteous, the ears of Yahweh to their cry.*

Community R: When they cry for help, Yahweh hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

Community L: *Yahweh is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

Community R: Many are the afflictions of the righteous. But Yahweh delivers them out of them all!

Community L: *Yahweh takes care of every bone, so that not one of them is broken.*

Community R: Evil will bring death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

Community L: *Yahweh redeems the life of his servant; none of those who trust in God will be condemned.* ~Ps. 34:11-22

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ZECH. 12:9-14; 13:1-9

Liturgist: All you that pass by along the road: look and see if there is any grief that can be compared with mine!

Community: *You have crucified me and set free Barabbas.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 19:31-42

## SILENCE:

## FREE PRAYER &amp; RESPONSE:

Lead us through the vale of shadows,

Bear us o'er life's fitful sea;

Then the gate of life eternal

May we enter, Lord, with thee.

Refrain: Close to thee, close to thee,

Close to thee, close to thee.  
Gladly will we toil and suffer,  
Only let us walk with thee.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O God, it is your will that we should be baptized into the death of your Son, our Savior; give us true repentance that we may pass with him through the grave and gate of death, and be reborn to new life in joy; through him who died, was buried and rose for us, Jesus our Lord! AMEN

Theme: Resurrection

LAUDS

Time: 3:00—6:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

[The paschal candle is lit.]

Liturgist: God of grace, you cause the sun to rise and chase away the shadows of death.

Community: *Why do you seek the living among the dead?*

Liturgist: Each day you promise resurrection that we may be born again to new life and overcome all that would hurt or destroy.

Community: *Why do you seek the living among the dead?*

Liturgist: Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may be alive again, with the power and peace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. AMEN.

## HYMN:

1.	2.
I know that my Redeemer lives:	He lives, and grants me daily breath;
What joy that blessed assurance gives!	He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, he lives who once was dead;	He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, my everlasting Head.	He lives, to bring me safely there.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: It is a good things to give thanks to Yahweh; to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Community L: *To proclaim your lovingkindness at daybreak, and your faithfulness all through the night;*

Community R: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

Community L: *For you have made me glad by your works, O Yahweh; at your achievements I joyfully exclaim, "Great are your works, O Yahweh. How immensely deep are your thoughts!"*

Community R: The stupid cannot know, nor can the fool understand, that though the wicked sprout like weeds, and the evildoers flourish, they flourish only to be destroyed forever, whereas you are everlastingly supreme.

Community L: *See how your enemies perish and how all evildoers are routed!*

Community R: But you have exalted my horn like the horns of wild bulls, and you have poured fresh oil on my head.

Community L: *My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies, and my ears rejoice to hear of the doom of my evil assailants.*

Community R: So the virtuous flourish like palm trees, and spread abroad  
as the cedars of Lebanon.  
Community L: *Those who are planted in the house of Yahweh shall flourish  
in the courts of our God;*  
Community R: still bearing fruit in old age, still remaining green and  
succulent;  
Community L: *So shall they show the righteousness of Yahweh; my Rock, in  
whom there is no fault. ~Psalm 92*

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.  
Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*  
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JOB 19:23-27

Liturgist: Christ has been raised from the dead:  
Community: *the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*  
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 20:1-18

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him;  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.  
Refrain: He touched me, O he touched me,  
And O the joy that fills my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ, has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life,  
we humbly ask that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your  
continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
world without end. AMEN.

Theme: Pentecost

PRIME

Time: 6:00—9:00 a.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with  
celestial fire.

Community: *Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts  
impart.*

Liturgist: Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life and fire of  
love;

Community: *Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.*

Liturgist: Anoint and cheer our soil-ed face with the abundance of thy  
grace;

Community: *keep far our foes; give peace at home; where thou art our  
guide, no ill can come.*

Liturgist: Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both to be  
but one;

Community: *that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:*

Liturgist: Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
~Rhabanus Maurus

## HYMN:

1.	2.
Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,	Expand thy wings, celestial dove,
Let us thine influence prove;	Brood o'er our nature's night;
Source of the old prophetic fire,	On our disordered spirits move,
Fountain of life and love.	And let there now be light,

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Protect me, O God, for I take shelter in you, I have said to  
Yahweh, "You are my Lord, my fortune. You are my good  
above all other."

Community L: *All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon all  
those who are noble among the people.*

Community R: But all those who run after idols shall have their troubles  
multiplied.

Community L: *Shall I offer libations to them? Not I! Shall I take their names  
upon my lips? Never!*

Community R: O Yahweh, you are my portion and my cup; you and you  
alone hold my lot secure!

Community L: *The measuring line marks out delightful places for me.  
Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*

Community R: I bless Yahweh, who is my counselor. Even at night my heart instructs me.

Community L: *I keep Yahweh before me always, for with Yahweh at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

Community R: Therefore, my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices. My body too rests in hope;

Community L: *for you will not abandon my soul in hell, nor allow the one you love to see the pit.*

Community R: You will show me the path of life. Give me unbounded joy in your presence, and at your right hand, everlasting pleasures.  
~Psalm 16

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EZEK. 36:24-28

Liturgist: The Spirit joins with our spirit, Alleluia!

Community: *He declares that we are children of God. Alleluia!*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 2:1-41

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
Free our hearts for work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days [of these days]  
For the living of these days.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: True and only Light that fills the world, you know every word, since all life lives in you. Send your Spirit upon our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise, for only in your Spirit can we proclaim your glory and acclaim Jesus as Lord. AMEN.

Theme: Epiphany

TERCE

Time: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: When the Magi saw the star moved by God, they followed its glittering light to the mighty King:

Community: *Reaching the One who is beyond reach, they cried, "Hail Mighty King!"*

Liturgist: They saw in the virgin's hands the One whose hand fashioned mortals, and hastening to honor Him with gifts, they cried:

Community: *"Hail, Mighty King!"*

Liturgist: Conforming to your command, they returned to their homelands, leaving Herod as a fool who did not know how to sing:

Community: *"Hail, Mighty King!"* ~From a Byzantine Liturgy

## HYMN:

1.  
As with joyous steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

2.  
Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last,  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.

Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

## PSALM:

Community R: Alleluia! Happy are they who fear Yahweh and take great delight in God's commandments!

Community L: *Their descendants will be mighty in the land, and the generation of the upright will be blessed!*

Community R: Wealth and riches will be found in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

Community L: *For the upright, light shines in the darkness, and the righteous are gracious and full of compassion.*

Community R: It is well for them to be generous in lending, and to conduct their affairs with justice.

Community L: *For the righteous shall never be shaken. They will be remembered forever.*

Community R: With constant heart and confidence in Yahweh, they need never fear evil rumors.

Community L: *When they meet their adversaries, their hearts are steady, because in the end they will triumph over them.*

Community R: They are quick to be generous, and give to the poor. They hold up their heads with honor and their righteousness can never change.

Community L: *Seeing this, the wicked will be filled with fury, until, grinding their teeth, they vanish like their vain hopes. ~Ps. 112*

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.  
 Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: MICAH 5:1-4

Liturgist: The nations shall come to your light,  
 Community: *and rulers to the brightness of your rising.*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATT. 2:12-23

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
 Who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
 That all of the world's great peoples  
 Might come to the truth of God,  
 Might come to the truth of God.

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
 And the dawning to noonday bright;  
 And Christ's great kingdom  
 Shall come on earth,  
 The Kingdom of love and light.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: In this, O Lord, was your love revealed among us: that you sent your only Son into the world that we might love through Him. Grant that the light of Christ, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Him to live and reign with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.



Community R: Yahweh provides food for the faithful, and is ever-mindful of the covenant.

Community L: *Yahweh has shown the power of God's works to the people, by giving them the inheritance of the nations.*

Community R: All that Yahweh does is done in faithfulness and justice, and in all ways the precepts of Yahweh are trustworthy.

Community L: *They stand fast and forever, because they are performed in truth and fairness.*

Community R: Yahweh sent redemption to the people and has commanded the covenant forever. Holy and wondrous is the name of Yahweh.

Community L: *The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have good understanding.*

Community R: The praise of Yahweh endures forever. ~Ps. 111

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.

Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISA. 61:1-2A, 10-11

Liturgist: A wondrous mystery has been declared to us today:

Community: *The creator of the universe has washed-away our sins in the waters of the Jordan.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 1:19-34

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

O Spirit of the Living God,  
 Thou light and fire divine,  
 Descend upon thy church once more,  
 And make it truly thine.  
 Fill it with love and joy and power  
 With righteousness and peace;  
 Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
 And sin and sorrow cease.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithfully engaged in your service. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and continually rejoice to be called your children. AMEN.

Theme: Transfiguration

NONE

Time: 3:00—6:00 p.m.

## INVITATORY:

Liturgist: Without a doubt, the mystery of our religion is deep indeed!  
For our Lord Jesus Christ was:

Community: *Revealed in the flesh;*  
Liturgist: Vindicated in the Spirit;  
Community: *Seen by angels;*  
Liturgist: Proclaimed among the nations;  
Community: *Believed throughout the world;*  
Liturgist: And taken-up in Glory.  
Liturgist: Now before God, who is the source of life, and Jesus Christ,  
who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made a good  
confession, I charge you to do all that you have been told,  
without fault of failure, until our Lord Jesus Christ appears:  
Community: *He will be revealed in good time by God, the blessed and only  
ruler of all;*  
Liturgist: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who alone has immortality;  
Community: *And who dwells in unapproachable light; whom no one has  
ever seen nor can see;*  
Liturgist: To whom be honor and ever-lasting power! Amen and Amen!  
*~1Tim. 3:16; 4:13-16*

## HYMN:

1.	2.
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible, Hid from our eyes. Most blessed, most glorious, The Ancient of Days. Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.	Unresting, unhastening and silent as light, Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains High soaring above, Thy clouds which are fountains Of goodness and love.
3.	
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, All veiling their sight; All praise we would render O help us to see. 'Tis only the splendor Of light hideth thee.	

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you nations.  
Community: *Let Psalms declare the glory of God's name.*

Community R: Alleluia! You servants of Yahweh, praise the name of Yahweh.

Community L: *Let the name of Yahweh be blessed from this time forth and forever more.*

Community R: From the rising of the sun till its setting, let the name of Yahweh be praised.

Community L: *Yahweh is high above all nations, and high above the heavens!*

Community R: Who is like Yahweh our God, who sits enthroned on high, and stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

Community L: *God raises the weak from the dust and lifts the needy from the dunghill, and makes them to sit with princes—the princes of God’s people.*

Community R: To the childless wife God gives a home, and gladdens her heart with children. *~Psalm 113*

Liturgist: O Lord, I will meditate on your precepts.  
 Community: *I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your word.*  
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: II KINGS 2:1-12

Liturgist: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.  
 Community: *“Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*  
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 9:1-13

SILENCE:

FREE PRAYER & RESPONSE:

Thy touch has still its ancient power;  
 No word from thee can fruitless fall;  
 Hear in this solemn evening hour,  
 And in thy mercy, heal us all.

APPOINTED PRAYER [All]: O God, whose face we cannot see, you have made known your love by the lives of faithful witnesses. We give you thanks for the revelation of your glory in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ, for your confirmation of his disciples and for your promise of his victory. May the light of your presence shine in your people, that all may see the fulfillment of their hopes in the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.