# The Season of Epiphany



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### Church of the Good Shepherd: Mission Statement

We are gathered by God through Jesus Christ to witness to the presence of God in our lives, to teach and to learn the Good News of Jesus Christ and to care for others in and outside of this church.

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We welcome our visitors today to join us in our mission and please sign the
Guest Book on the back table in the Sanctuary.

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two The Word of God

Processional Hymn: Hymn #460, 1982 Hymnal, "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"



Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

All will say together the "Collect for Purity" this is a 'centering prayer' and prepares us for worship

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

Song of Praise (from the "New Zealand Prayer Book, page 478")

Christ is the good shepherd who knows and cares for every one of the sheep in different folds.

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; in Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class or race.

In Christ the poor are blessed. the simple receive truth hidden from the wise

#### Alleluia!

God of justice and compassion, you give us a work to do and a baptism of suffering and resurrection. From you comes power to give to others the care we ourselves received so that we, and all who love your world, may live in harmony and trust. Amen.

#### The Collect of the Day:

Please see reading insert

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the collect. The People respond: Amen.

The Lessons:

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The First Lesson:

Reader:

The Word of the Lord

Please see reading insert

People: Thanks be to God.

The Appointed Psalm is now read:

Please see reading insert

The Second Lesson:

Please see reading insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Hymn #129, 1982 Hymnal, "Christ upon the mountain peak"



The Gospel Lesson

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The reader says: "The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to..."

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says: "The Gospel of the Lord"

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

During the Season of Epiphany, we will renew our Baptismal Vows each week:

#### The Baptismal Covenant:

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

1st Sunday: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

2nd Sunday: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

3rd Sunday: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good

News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

4th Sunday: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving

your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

5th Sunday: Will you strive for justice and peace among all

people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

#### Prayers of the People Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Peace

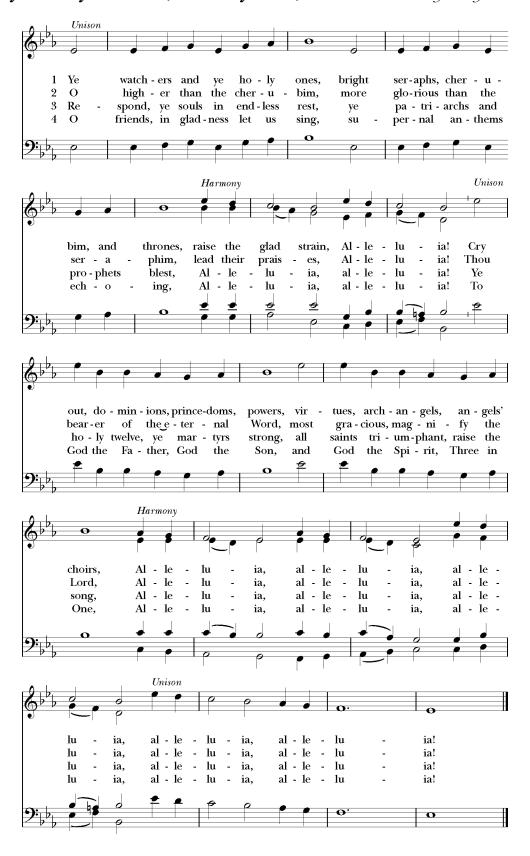
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

During this time we greet each other with the Peace of Christ as a sign of our fellowship. Following the Peace, an invitation will be extended to all to receive communion and to make an offering to God.



Offertory Hymn: Hymn #618, 1982 Hymnal, "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"



## The Holy Eucharist

#### Eucharistic Prayer 3: Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: music: Betty Carr Pulkingham



The Celebrant continues: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and to give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you O Christ:

The Celebrant and People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

The Celebrant and People: Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN



#### The Lord's Prayer:



#### Fraction Anthem:



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

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

# All are invited to share the Holy Communion instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ.

During Holy Communion, music may be played and hymns may be sung.

#### Come and fill

#### Confitemini Domino 28



#### The Post Communion Prayer:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *AMEN* 

#### The Blessing

#### **Parish Announcements**

#### The Dismissal:

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us go forth...

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Recessional Hymn: Hymn #54, 1940 Hymnal, "Alleluia, song of gladness"

# 54 (For the last Sunday after Epiphany)



Latin, 11th cent.; Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1851, alt.