



Epiphany 2018  
Christ Church Cathedral  
The Noon Service

## **Gathering Song**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine [x3]  
Let it shine, let it shine to show my love*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine [x3]  
Let it shine, let it shine to show my love*

*Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine [x3]  
Let it shine, let it shine to show my love*

*When I see my neighbor coming [x3]  
Let it shine, let it shine to show my love*

## **Welcome**

*Welcome to The Noon Service at Christ Church Cathedral. This is a space for those who are looking for a faith community where you can come as you are, with your family and friends. Are you exploring questions of life and faith? The Noon Service is an opportunity for reflection and conversation on the intersection between scripture, questions, and life. It is a place where we wonder and celebrate the mystery that is God and the mystery of what God is doing in us and through us. We sing, pray, form community and break bread together. We are so glad you are here.*

*We have entered the season of Epiphany, a time when the church celebrates Jesus as the revelation (or manifestation) of God. The journey to find God is different for everyone. Our journeys all start in different places: for some like the magi, it begins following a wandering star; for some, it is like a baptism through the waters of life. But it could just as easily happen at the fishing docks, or at dinner, or a wedding of friends, or while hearing the word of God proclaimed in community. Whatever the path, all of the journeys have the same ending point – Jesus the Anointed One. Epiphany wakes us up, expands our minds, and commissions us. We are each called to make God known in our time. We invite you to think about how God is being revealed in your life.*

## **Opening Acclamation**

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us.*

**Gloria** *Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!*

## **The Prayer of the Day**

### **The Readings**

*Arise! Shine! For your light has come!  
And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us!*

### **Community Reflection on The Word**

*+We share our thoughts and reflections on scripture in community. Everyone is welcome to share. In order to honor many voices, be mindful of giving space for others. We invite you to listen to the wisdom of God in one another+*

### **Confession**

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

### **Absolution**

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

### **Offering Prayers to God for the Church and for the World**

We pray now for the needs of the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, so that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord.

Light of the world.

**Be known to us.**

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition. Inspire them to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free.

Light of the world.

**Be known to us.**

Hear the cries of those who are hungry, homeless, and suffering, those near and those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.

Light of the world.

**Be known to us.**

Look with compassion on all who suffer illness and distress, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Support them with your love and lead us to be healers to all we encounter, in the name of Christ.

Light of the world.

**Be known to us.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those saints who bore witness to your light. Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love, and at the end of our lives to behold your glory.

Light of the world.

**Be known to us.**

*Celebrant:* O God, in your loving purpose, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. By your grace, grant us the will and the wisdom to make this world new, and all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and our Light. **Amen**

## **The Exchange of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Community Announcements + Sharing Upcoming Events**

## **Holy Communion + Eucharist**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

By your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favor on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [*N and*] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion Music**

### **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**

The light has splintered our darkness. Let it shine through us as God's gift to the world. And may the blessing of God be with you and remain with you, this day and forever. **Amen**

## **Closing Song**

## **The Dismissal**

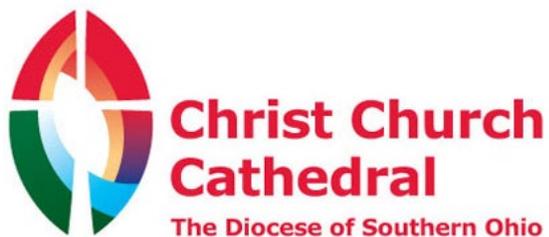
Go forth into the world rejoicing in the light and power of the Spirit!  
Thanks be to God!

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