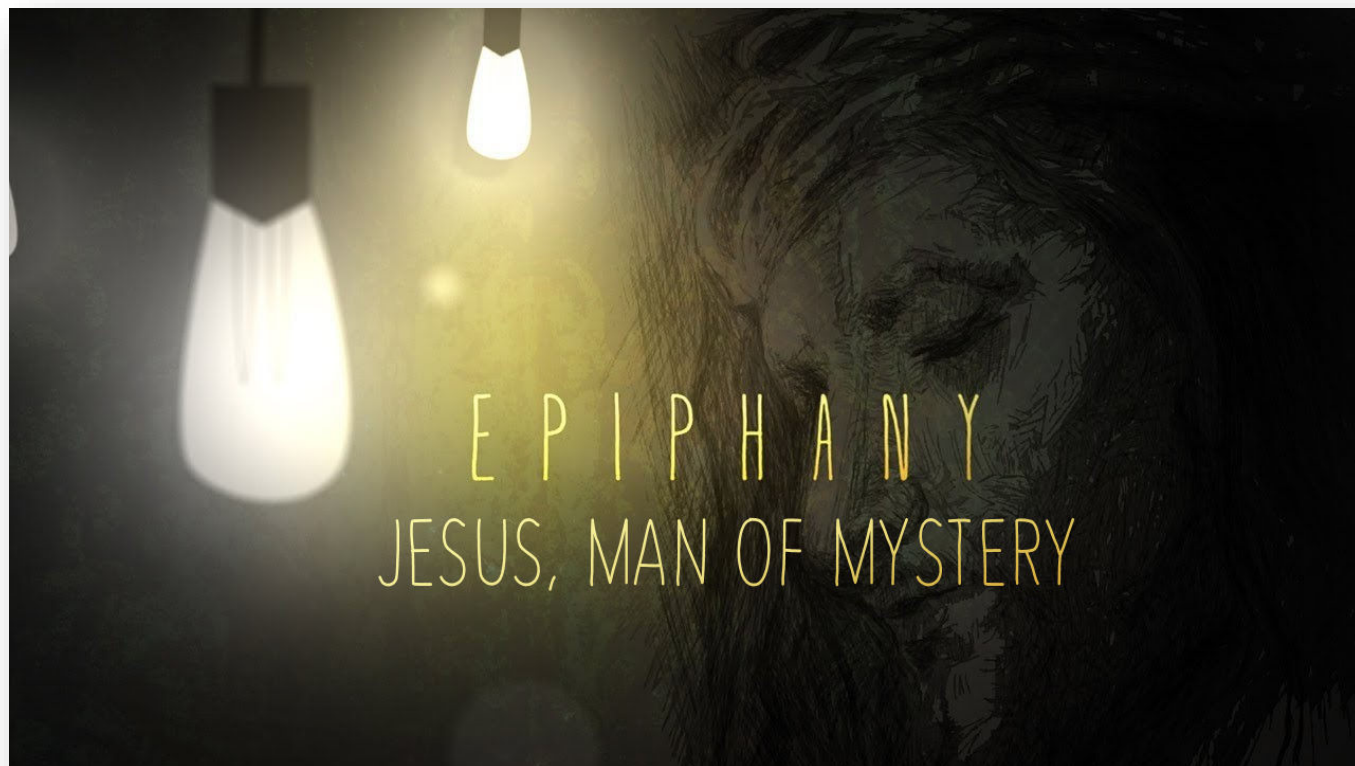


# The Season of Epiphany



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**“Love God, Serve Neighbor”**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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**Prelude**

“Pass It On”

Annette Nolan

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: We gather in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: God, your light shines in the darkness, and we confess that sometimes we prefer to hide under cover of darkness, where we are free to participate in injustice, to hurt others and ourselves, to do whatever it takes to get ahead and to operate only in our comfort zone without challenge. We forget that your light of true freedom will shine, calling us to a more excellent way.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

L: God, you have forgiven us in Christ and freed us by your Spirit. Filled with your life, may our light so shine before others that they may see our good works and glorify you forever.

**C: Amen.**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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**Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life.  
Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways.

C: Amen.

## The First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Debra Efird

## “Speak, O Lord”

Laura Torrence

Speak, O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.

CCLI Song # 4615235. Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

## The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Danielle DeNise

## The Message

Rev. Danielle DeNise

# Song of the Day "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" (vv. 1, 3 & 4) Rob Beyersdorf



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

## Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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## **Native American Creed**

The Rev. Roger Scott is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

I believe in God, Creator of our unique native languages,  
who gifted us this identity as a distinct people through our native tongues,  
so that our native spiritual leaders could relay God's love to our native people  
who could not understand that foreign tongue called English.

I believe in Jesus Christ, our relative,  
Who talked of us when he said, "I have other sheep out there, besides those I have  
here."

I believe in Jesus Christ who knew the pain of our native people  
who were forced from their homeland and had no place to lay their head.

I believe in Jesus Christ as our Chief Cornerstone  
as we begin to build a new generation of native spiritual leaders.  
I believe in Jesus Christ who does not say "goodbye"  
in any language, but says "I will come again."

I believe in the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire lighting  
upon our native people to witness to their people and to the world,  
through the native song and dance.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and the driving force  
for our native people to do a new thing as we walk a new journey,  
toward perfection for all humankind. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People of God**

- L: Sisters and brothers, from the waters of baptism, we have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to yield to the Spirit, who shapes us to more closely embody the life of Jesus Christ and empowers us to reveal his love for the world. May our hands and feet be the hands and feet of Christ as we serve all people and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of all unity, grant us your guidance. Protect the president, vice president and all members of Congress. Empower us to serve the common good. Surround us with a vision that renounces violence and honors others' needs. We pray for our neighbors. Remember and heal the overlooked and injured. Comfort the families of those who died and those physically and emotionally injured at the Capitol on January 6. Comfort the families of all who have died as a result of COVID-19. Comfort those who have lost friends, jobs or hope. Enable us to reject the ways we cling to self-centered position and power. Grant us courage. Give us strength to work together as one nation. Prod us to surrender any privilege that whispers we are better than others. Inspire us at every step to use our best gifts to make our country a place of liberty and justice for all.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious Christ, as you travel the shorelines in your time and the sidewalks of ours, you call to us and invite us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith and step off of our predictable paths to follow you; to the unpredictable places of the kingdom; to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany you into those places where you lead us.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

L: God of all compassion, you call us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. We pray for all of our sisters and brothers who seek comfort, healing, refuge, rest, peace, wholeness, community, acceptance, and unconditional love.

We especially pray for

- Lizzie Akins
- Trevor Basilice
- Lemont Bell
- Bethann Bluder
- Cannon family – Jennifer, Toney, and Taylor
- Paul Coleman
- Dallas Collins
- Creasy family – Karen, Brian & Hannah
- Eileen Folkerth
- Jennifer Frisina
- Herbert Goerke
- Mary Jo Gouge
- Dick Kuklantz
- Waylon Kuklantz

- Robert Williams Lewis
- Pat Logan
- Peggy Merritt
- Ray Matthews
- Hilda Mertz
- Justin Mertz
- Rick Messina
- Joe Moeller
- The Moser Family – Brad,  
Heather, and Lily
- JL and Faith Moser
- Anita Ortiz
- Pattie Quigley
- Will Rhynes
- Richard Schulz
- David Townsend
- Pat Townsend
- Herbert Watson
- Jenny Weems
- Beverly Williams
- Lewis Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name (give time for community to pray).

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially, those we name now:

- Dick Moser, uncle of Sharon Thrower
- Rev. Edwin Cochran, father of Chris Cochran
- Emma Fettig, member and mother of Liz Tunnell and grandmother of Emma & Meredith Tunnell

By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious God, you have called us through the goodness of your grace to be your hands and do your work, to be your voice and share your words, to bring healing to a fallen world and wholeness to broken lives. Let your light shine through us and light the path for others, so that all may experience your love and share in the joy of your Holy Spirit. Amen

**C: 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Epiphany Blessing**

**P: May the road that Christ walks to bring justice upon the earth, light to those who sit in darkness, and enduring hope to all creation run through our lives. May we be the road Christ takes.**

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**SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE**

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**"Lord, Let Your Servants Go in Peace"** (Canticle of Simeon)

Traven Harrington

Lord, let your servants go in peace;  
we who have long waited.  
Fearful with doubt,  
we still kept watch in the night.  
Now we see your light.

Lord, let your servants go in peace;  
we who were rent asunder.  
Biased and blind,  
we labeled foes who were friends.  
Now we make amends.

Lord, let your servants go in peace;  
for you have kept your promise.  
With our own eyes  
we see salvation is won,  
born in Christ, your Son.