

SEEING



through a NEW lens

EPIPHANY SEASON

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Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

"Change My Heart, O God"

Advance Bells

Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Let us confess together.

C: **God, we confess that sometimes we prefer to hide under cover of darkness where we justify our actions and behaviors as if they were secret and hidden from you.**

We become calloused by our apathy.

We become complicit by our silence.

We become co-opted by our desires.

But, your light of true freedom shines even in the darkness, calling us to a more excellent way.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: God has forgiven you all your sins in Jesus Christ and filled you with the power of the Holy Spirit. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God forever.

C: **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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 Illumination

L: God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope. We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace. Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain. In the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our worship and in our very lives.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Acclamation

Kristin Nylen

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Message

Song of the Day

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Kristin Nylen

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know-ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

- L: All-embracing God, you bless the broken and the lonely, and through the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, you bring them into your circle of love. You welcome the excluded and you make time for those whom others have ignored. Bless us when we are broken and lonely. Bring us into your family of love and prompt us to share your love with those around us: welcoming, inclusive, and noticing the needs of others.
- L: All-embracing God,
- C: Deliver and heal your children.**
- L: Compassionate God, you bless the poor and heal those left to beg for their livelihoods. And yet we are still surrounded by poverty and financial difficulties. Filled by the strength of the Holy Spirit, give us the courage and commitment to support and advocate for those whom employment or income is uncertain and for those whom safe, affordable housing remains unattainable. We especially pray for our guests at Room in the Inn this past Monday: Leslie, Aleisha, Carol, Frank, Robert, George, Jessica, John, Amanda, and Michael.
- L: Compassionate God,
- C: Deliver and heal your children.**
- L: Comforting God, source of healing and peace, fall afresh on us today, heal those who long for healing and make whole those who hunger for wholeness. As we speak their names, we bring them to you in the confidence that you love them and know their every need and that your healing power will bring comfort and restoration.
- L: We especially pray for:
- Val Allred
 - Lemont Bell
 - Steve Bowers
 - Ida Chisolm
 - Rajiv & Ashish Choudhrie
 - Tommy Currin
 - Seena Drapala
 - Charliese Eichler
 - Ross Holshouser
 - Donnell Horton
 - Waylon Kuklentz
 - Ray Matthews
 - Andrew Milholland
 - Dave Miller
 - Da hood (Daoud)Nassar
 - Da hair (Dahare) Nassar
 - Carolyn Osborne
 - Donna Parrish
 - Leo Peeler
 - Joyce Quigley
 - Shannon Roberson
 - L.D. Shockley
 - Isabella Strickert
 - David Townsend
 - Laura Tucker
 - Herbert Watson
 - Velia Watson
 - Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Lauren Talton, lifted up by Marylou Kuklentz, died February 6
- Richard Schulz, brother-in-law of Dan & Jan Otolski, died February 10.

L: 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 Jesus Christ.

L: Comforting God,

C: Deliver and heal your children.

L: Abundant God, you blessed the hungry and fed thousands through the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, but famine and hunger are still a problem for our world today. Bless our efforts to provide for those who face hunger each day, especially ELCA World Hunger, Church World Service, Loaves and Fishes, Second Harvest, and Advent's Little Free Pantry. May the money we raise for the Souper Bowl go the extra yard and continue to support all agencies providing for those facing food insecurity.

L: Abundant God,

C: Deliver and heal your children.

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.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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.

Post-Communion Blessing

- L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Franciscan Blessing

- L: May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.
- May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.
- And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.
- C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Kristin Nylen

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.