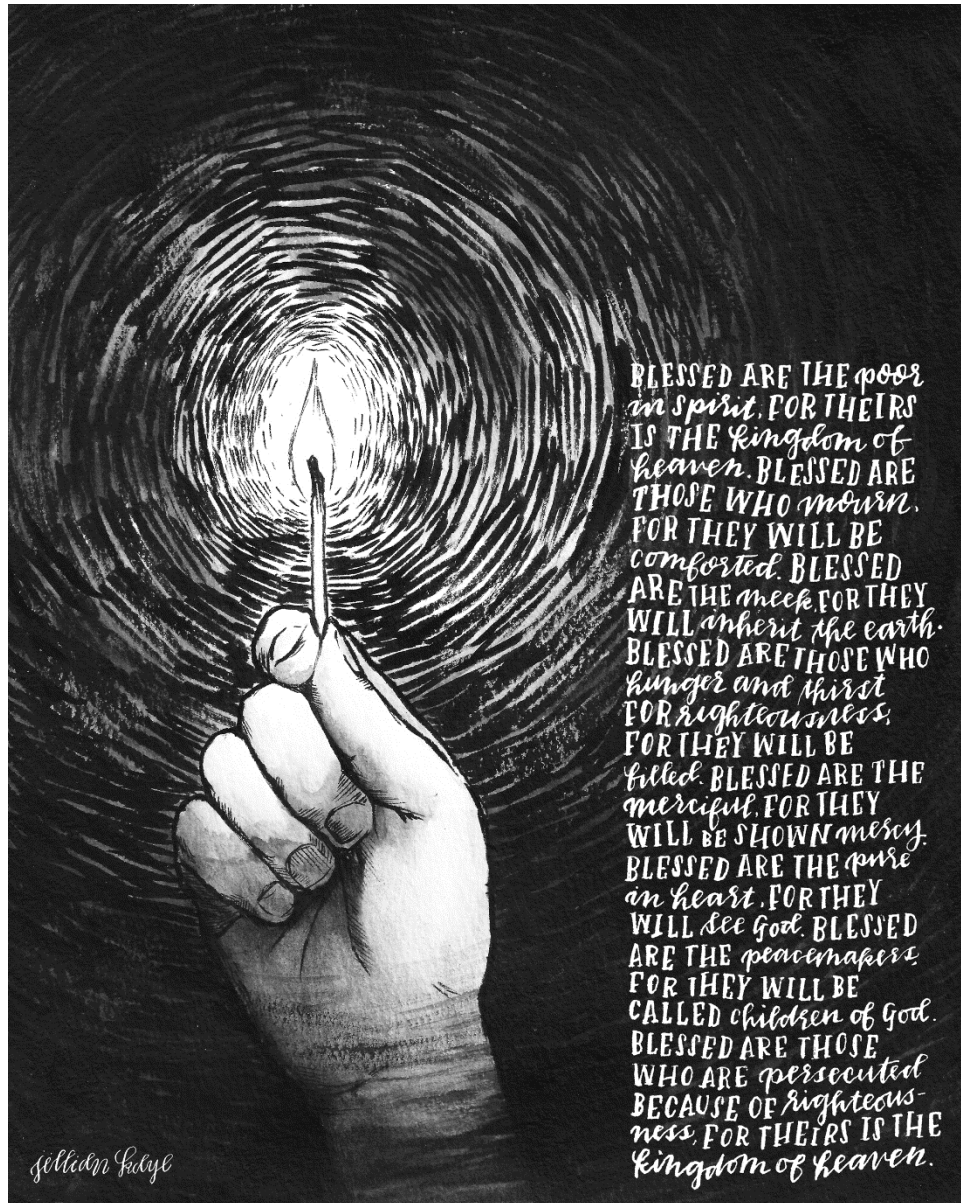


Season of Epiphany



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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Annette Nolan

Affirmation of Baptism

L: We begin by making the sign that was made on the day of our baptisms.

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

C: Amen.

L: As we see the light the Christ candle, we remember the words that were said when we were baptized:

C: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

L: Brothers and sisters, in Baptism, God brings us into his family and calls us his own. By Baptism, God gives us the gifts of faith, love, life, forgiveness, and strength, and asks to respond in faithfulness to him and in service to others.

I ask those who are affirming their baptisms today, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God’s faithful people;
- to hear his Word and share in his supper;
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and 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: Let us pray. God, creator of all, the light of your glory fills the heavens, the breath of your Spirit blows through the skies, and the stars above stand as silent witnesses to your power.

By your word all things were made.

By your breath all things are sustained.

By your hand, we have been molded as a potter works the clay, formed from earthly dust into an image that bears your very likeness.

By the waters of your creation, we have been baptized. Like our brother Jesus, you have spoken our names – Beloved Ones – and claimed as your children.

By your grace we live and move and have our being, worshipping you with all creation, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel Acclamation

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 Holy Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

The Message

Song of the Day ELW #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The Apostles' Creed

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: God, source of new life and new beginnings, from the waters of baptism, you have filled us with your Holy Spirit. Teach us to yield to the Spirit, who shapes us to 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.

L: In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, source of healing, we pray for family and friends who are undergoing tests, facing surgeries, and dealing with illness. 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. Bless all that is being done for their recovery and answer our prayers as you see best.

L: We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Arlene Cash | ▪ Ron Middleton |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Jane Ogilvie |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Joyce Quigley |
| ▪ Sandra Eliassen | ▪ Denny Refsnider |
| ▪ Edith Frisina | ▪ Carol Schierlmann |
| ▪ Vincent Frisina Sr. | ▪ Michael Searing |
| ▪ Dwight Hartsell | ▪ Ron Stemple |
| ▪ Ann Hess | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Bernie Hess | ▪ Laura Tucker |
| ▪ Carol Hollingsworth | ▪ Michelle Veit |
| ▪ Gary Homesley | ▪ Augustin Villacis |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Laverne Waskielis |
| ▪ Bobbi Keen | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ Ashley King | ▪ Renate Wilson |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ Chuck Wolfe |
| ▪ Kevin Middleton | |

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

Time for the community to pray.

L: We pray for our guests at Room in the Inn this past Monday: John, Robert, Caleb, Alexander, Mariah, Jaylain, Cameron, Christine, Zain, Emorie, Justin, Jaquana

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

- Gene Hardinger, brother of Sarah Sue Hardinger, died December 24
- Mary Christ Dunbar, paternal aunt of Peter Christ, died December 27

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: In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of grace, 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

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

"Psalm 30"

Sanctuary Singers

Table Prayer

L: God of grace, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. By your very breath you give us life and by your hand you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

C: Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world living signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

*This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
And I . . . I'm desperate for you
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me
And I . . . I'm desperate for you
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This is the living Lord
This is the living Lord
Your very blood given for me
And I . . . I'm desperate for you
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

*This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe*

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

ELW #581 "You Are Mine"



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.