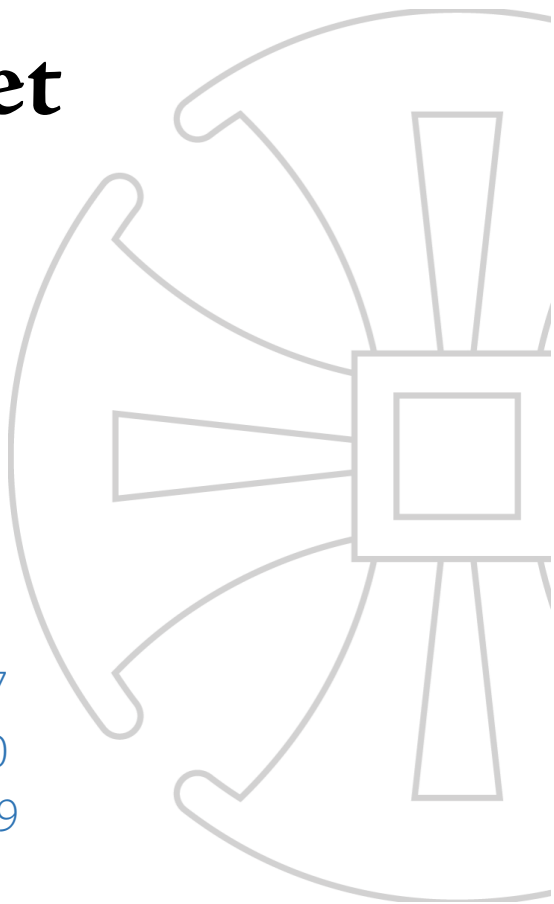


January 16, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.

The Booklet

A Service of the Word
Season of Epiphany

Join our livestream
on Zoom at 9:00 a.m.:
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Sunday Morning at 9am

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Gathering the Community

Sing of God Made Manifest

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

Greeting

God is with us;

O come, let us worship!

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of Indigenous peoples. *I live on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.* On whose territory do you live?

Silence

May we live on these lands in respect and peace, working together to build justice between the nations.

Let us pray

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Christ came to set us free from the power of sin and death.

Let us turn with open hearts to receive God's grace and forgiveness.

Silence

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that God gave us Jesus to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to
serve God in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song of Praise | *Glory to God*

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
And on earth, peace on earth.
Peace to people of good will.

Repeat

Collect of the Day

O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
so that we may show forth the light of your
love as one body in Christ. **Amen.**

Hearing the Word

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge

according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong
mountains, your justice like the great
deep; you save both mortals and beasts,
O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God!
Your people take refuge under the shadow
of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your
house; you give them drink from the river
of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving-kindness to those
who know you, and your favour to those
who are true of heart.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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The Gospel: John 2:1-11

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw

some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of Christ!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us
one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with
love!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us affirm our faith as we say:

Hear, O my people

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

**Our Mother, Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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 forever.
Amen.**

Closing

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
And help us to live the good news we
proclaim
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Glory to God
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God
from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing

May the light of the glorious gospel of
Christ shine in your hearts and fill your
whole lives with his joy and peace.

And the blessing of God – the Source of
our Being, the Eternal Word, and the Holy
Spirit – be with you this day and every day
to come. **Amen.**

Closing – Teach Me To Dance

Teach me to dance to the beat of your
heart

Teach me to move in the power of your
Spirit

Teach me to walk in the light of your
presence

Teach me to dance to the beat of your
heart

Teach me to love with your heart of
compassion

Teach me to trust in the word of your
promise

Teach me to hope in the day of your
coming

Teach me to dance to the beat of your
heart

You wrote the rhythm of life
Created heaven and earth
In You is joy without measure
So, like a child in your sight
I dance to see your delight
For I was made for your pleasure
Pleasure

Teach me to dance to the beat of your
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promise

Teach me to hope in the day of your
coming

Teach me to dance to the beat of your
heart

Let all my movements express

A heart that loves to say 'yes'

A will that leaps to obey you

Let all my energy blaze

To see the joy in your face

Let my whole being praise you

Praise you

Teach me to dance to the beat of your
heart

Teach me to move in the power of your

Spirit

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

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