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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 8, 2023

10:30 AM

↑ = *Stand* **C**: *Congregation* **A**: *Worship Assistant* **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews. • Large-print hymns are available in the narthex as you enter. • Quiet Bags with books and soft toys, or Doodle Bags with markers are available in the narthex for children.

Prelude

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN
(*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* ELW 308)
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

Introit

Psalm 45:17, 6

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever. Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

Welcome

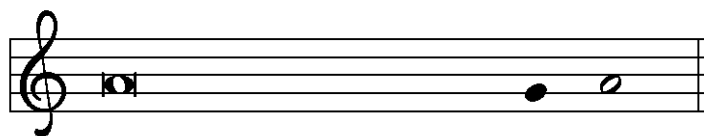
↑ **Gathering Hymn** *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*
ELW, Hymn 303

↑ Greeting

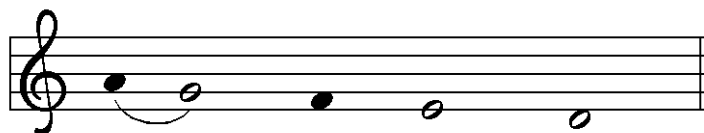
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

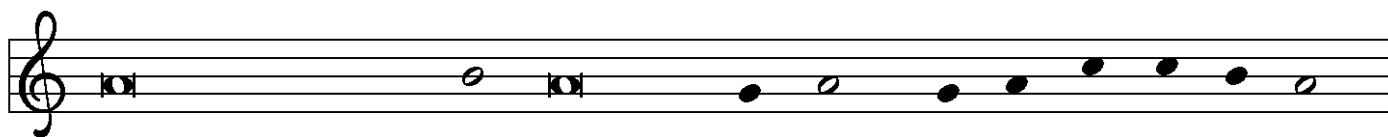
↑ Kyrie



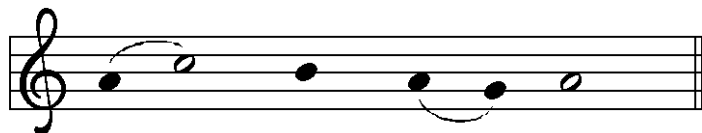
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



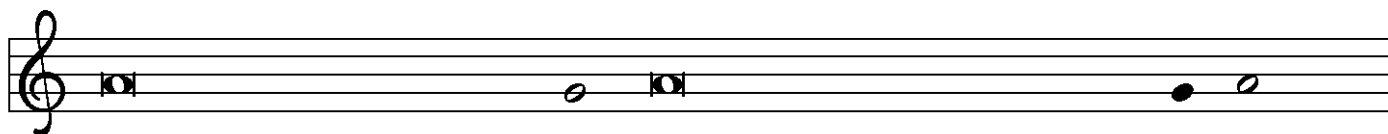
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



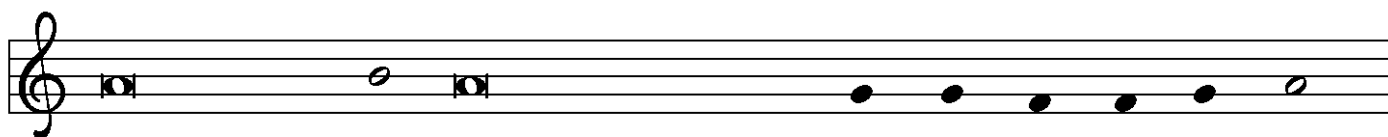
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



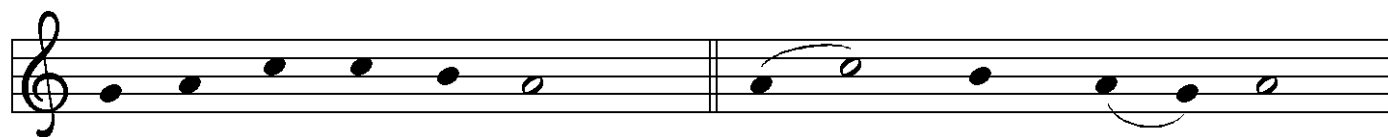
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



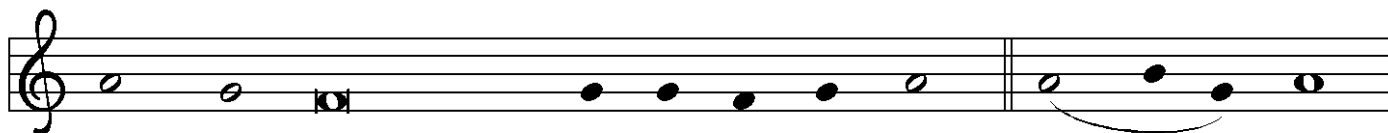
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

↑Hymn of Praise



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - - men.

↑Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations
by the leading of a star.

Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives,
and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↑ 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.

↑ **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

ℙ: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

☩: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

ℙ: The Gospel of the Lord.

☩: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Heavens: A Meditation on the Handiwork of God

Pastor Dan Peterson

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW, Hymn 308

↑ **Nicene Creed**

**☩: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

↑ Prayers of the Church

A: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

G: Hear our prayer.

Holy Communion – All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament. We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of Bread and Wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ’s risen presence among us.

The ministration of the Sacrament is given in two ways:

In the pew:

You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available in the narthex as you enter.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

By intinction:

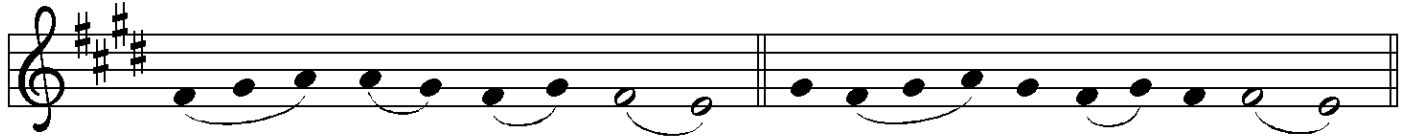
When prompted by the ushers, come down the center aisle to kneel at the railing; please sanitize your hands.

Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip it in a chalice, either wine or grape juice, before partaking. Use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

↑ The Great Thanksgiving



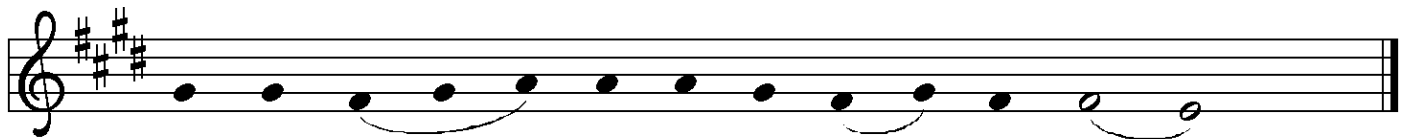
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

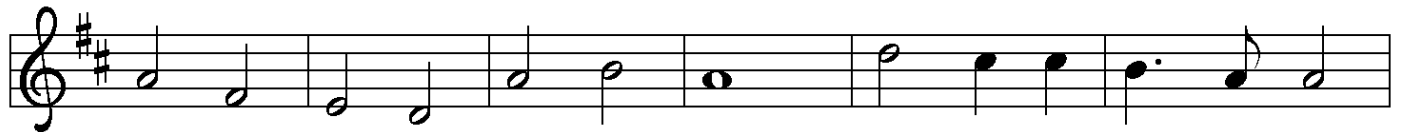


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
. . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of life and light



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ Words of Institution

↑ The Lord's Prayer

↑ Lord's Prayer

P: As we prepare our hearts for this holy meal,
let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

G: 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 forever. Amen.

↑ Invitation to the Table

P: Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↑ **Distribution Hymn**

He Came Down
ELW, Hymn 253

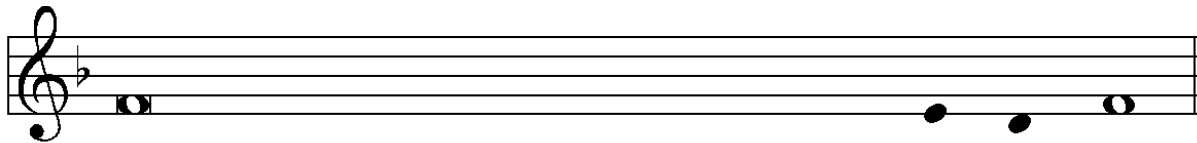
↑ **Post-Communion Prayer**

P: God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G: Amen.

Announcements

↑ **Benediction**



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ grant you peace.



G: A - men.

↑ **Sending Hymn**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
ELW, Hymn 310

↑ Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat major ("St. Anne"), BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

About Today's Music

Today's Hymn of the Day, "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (ELW 308), known as the "Queen of Chorales," is one of the most beloved Lutheran hymns and is well-known across many Christian denominations. The text and melody were both written by Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608), who received his doctorate in theology from the University of Wittenberg. Hymnologist Paul Westermeyer observes that "the hymn's images pull together God's love in Christ through word and sacraments in a joyful song that is at once cosmic and intensely personal..." He also notes, "If you center its lines – in German or English – and lay them out according to their rhyme scheme, the outline of a chalice emerges." Stanza 3 hearkens to the "heavenly food" of the sacrament, and Lutheran sacramental theology figured prominently in Pastor Nicolai's ministry, so this shape may be intentional as a "figure poem" or "shaped verse."

ANNOUNCEMENTS — JANUARY 8 , 2023

WELCOME! Please fill out a CONNECT card if you are visiting us today, if you wish to receive our emails or newsletter, or if you wish the pastor to contact you. PRAY cards may be used for prayer requests. Place cards in the offering plate as you leave.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are provided today by Paul Tollefson, to the glory of God and in remembrance of his mother, Gaddis, on her birthday.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Main Office (Barb Bash): The office is open Tuesday–Friday, 9:00–5:30

Cantor Kyle will be in the office Wednesday – Thursday. Feel free to contact him if you wish to make an appointment; email cantor@queenannelutheran.org or call the office (206-284-1960).

Pastor Dan has returned and will be available throughout the week (excluding Monday and Friday). He will be away again for approximately one month beginning on January 16 to care for his mother, who is now in hospice care in her home.

JANUARY FORUM SERIES BEGINS TODAY AT 9 AM – Revisiting the Stars

Please join us in the Conference Room from 9–10 AM each Sunday. Forum can also be attended via Zoom; look for the link in church emails or on our website's FORUMS page.

January 8: QALC member **Matt Boysen** kicks off our three-part series with an update on space exploration. He will share with us some of the latest advances in the field since he first presented on the topic as part of our series on “Astrotheology” back in 2018. Matt Boysen is Lead Systems Engineer of Spaceflight Industries, where he works on aircraft and space vehicle applications.

January 15: *Scripture and the Stars:* What does the Bible say about the cosmos, the stars, and the beings who (presumably) live among them? **Pastor Dan** will lead this interactive discussion on the various cosmologies we find tucked away in the Old and New Testaments, several of which may surprise you.

January 22: **Mary-Jane Rubenstein** will be reading and discussing some of the key passages from her new book *Astrotopia: The Dangerous Religion of the Corporate Space Race*. She will argue that the exploration and possible inhabitation of outer space should not be left to profiteers and messianic billionaires. Rather than seeking a way for the universe to belong to us, we should be seeking ways we might belong to the universe.

CONSIDERING CHOIR? Our choir rehearsals will begin again on **Thursday, Jan. 12**. All returning and new singers (high school and older) are welcome. If you have been pondering singing in the choir and would like to give it a try, please talk to our cantor Kyle Haugen or email him at cantor@queenannelutheran.org!

MEN’S CLOTHING DRIVE – ONE MORE WEEK: We are collecting **men’s clothing** for Queen Anne Helpline, and next Sunday is the final date to bring items. Donations will be delivered to Queen Anne Helpline the week of Jan. 15. Please bring the following to the narthex:

- new underwear and socks
- warm, clean casual clothing of all sorts, especially coats (no formal wear, such as suits or sports jackets)
- men’s shoes (especially sneakers and warm boots)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

We will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29. It will be held in-person after our 10:30 worship; the meeting will also be accessible via Zoom. More details will be sent out to all members before January 19, and our Annual Report will be available ahead of time also. Watch your weekly emails or mailed announcements for the details and Zoom links.

The purpose of the annual meeting of the congregation is to review and celebrate the previous year’s accomplishments with reports from the pastor, the Council presidents, treasurer, and others; to elect officers and delegates for the coming year; and to hear and vote on this year’s guidelines for expenditures and any other proposals requiring the majority approval of the membership.

A quorum of members is required to accomplish our tasks, and of course we hope you will be able to attend.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum (Conf. Rm. and Zoom)	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

Monday

PDQ Quilting (downstairs)	5:30 PM
Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00 PM

Tuesday

Church Council	7:00 PM
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Wednesday

Sewing & Service (downstairs)	10:00 AM
AA Counterbalance (FH)	8:00 PM

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
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Saturday

Audit Committee	8:00 AM
Alanon Women (upstairs)	10:30 AM
AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	7:00 PM

Sunday, January 15

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum (Conf. Rm. and Zoom)	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM