**Worship Plan for Sunday, January 26, 2020, Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,   
the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.  
**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
we have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation   
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Sprit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.   
Receive the promise of baptism: You are God’s child; + your sins are forgiven.   
Rejoice and be glad, for your is the kingdom of God.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Gather Us In (ELW 532)*

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord, God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM** *Down in my Heart*

*(The reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**The first lesson Isaiah 9:1-4**

*A reading from the Isaiah.*

9But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*The reading may be concluded:*Word of God, word of life.**Thanks be to God.**

**The second lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*A reading from First Corinthians*

10Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” 13Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

17For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*The reading may be concluded:*Word of God, word of life.**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia (ELW p. 171)*

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)***THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

12Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” 17From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” 20Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*The gospel concludes:*The gospel of the Lord.**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDEN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798, v 1, 2, 5)*

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending,   
the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God’s voice.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, your voice calls us to follow. Thank you for raising up missionaries in every generation, and for all who create communities of grace today. Open our hearts to serve you near and far.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Make of all, we rejoice in the beauty and abundance of the earth. Unite us in our shared called to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste, and to simplify our lives for your sake.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all, thank you for those who run for local and national office, and all who serve as elected leaders. Gather wise and courageous voices together, that your mercy and justice would dawn upon all people and nations.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Healer of all, thank you for sanctuary and safety. Uplift all who life where fear governs and evil divides. Give refugees and all who seek safety a path toward hope and new life. Grant healing and wholeness to all who are sick, lonely, or grieving, *especially….* We also pray for those who now name aloud or in our hearts *(brief pause).*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of courage, thank you for faithful teachers and evangelists in this and every place. Inspire our faith formation efforts with all generations as you call us to follow you. Bless our children, youth, and adults who engage in learning.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we marvel at the meaning of your resurrection. Give us faith to place all hope in you as we give thanks for the faithful departed. May their witness help us follow your call.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.   
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
 **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE P. 169 – ELW**

**(This is the Feast)**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

On the night 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 in remembrance of me.

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 in remembrance of me.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.   
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come. Be filled with the light and life of Jesus, our Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

Distribution Songs

*Lamb of God (ELW p. 174)  
 Here I Am, Lord (ELW 574)  
 Just As I Am (ELW 592)*

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
You have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure.   
Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord shine on you with grace and mercy  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Please turn to your neighbor and share this blessing with him or her:

May the Light of Christ….

Shine through us!

(those 2 lines are displayed on the screen to remind people)

**Sending Song** *I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)*

**DISMISSAL**Go in peace. Be light for the world.  
**Thanks be to God!**