

Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
=== Morning Prayer ===
The First Sunday after the Epiphany: January 10, 2021
The Season of Epiphany
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

Opening Hymn – Hymnal #513, “Like the Spirit of the Dove’s Song,” v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,
like the new flame’s eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Verse 2:

To the members of Christ’s Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Verse 3:

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Officiant I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All ***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
Response ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

All ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 Venite, exultemus

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

Psalm Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

*The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

*The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

*And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"*

*The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

*The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Old Testament – Genesis 1:1-5

Reader:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

The Epistle – Acts 19:1-7

Reader:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

***Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel – Mark 1:4-11

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Response *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

Response *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

A Reflection – Rev. Lois

19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia* Revelation 15:3-4

A Reader leads the canticle recitation

Reader and People together

*O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done;*
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.*

*Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Response *And also with you.*
 Officiant Let us pray.

*All 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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

Suffrage A

A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.) :

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Doxology

*All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Reader: Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. Please use this treasure we have humbly offered to Christ the Lord Church to best meet the many urgent needs of our community, as well as to provide needed support for our parish. *Amen.*

Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.

The Collect of the Day *From Planning for Rites and Rituals 2020-2021*

Officiant Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Our Nation *(adapted from a prayer by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)*

Reader: As a nation, God, help us to desire righteousness more than rights, and to mirror sacrifice more than selfishness. You know us well and you understand our flaws. Turn those weaknesses into strengths; bathe us with your grace and mercy. Fill us with the boldness to choose the kind of freedom that will benefit all, rather than a few. Open our eyes to see others as you do—with godly potential and value. But help us, too, to recognize our own pride in trying to elevate ourselves and others above you and your purpose for our lives. Your discipline at times can be hard, Lord, but you are just. For we know that your purpose is always to draw us close to you, to bless us, and to make us a great nation who honors you; in the Name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Young Persons

Reader: God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Reader: O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [*KRIS-us-tum*]

Reader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn – Gather #572, “Baptized in Water,” v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.

Verse 2:

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.

Verse 3:

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, We are his children,
Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom! Check your email from Sandy for details.

Stewardship update: Thanks to all of you who have returned your completed pledge and time and talent forms. If you have not already done so, please return your completed forms to the Church office. God bless all of us as we bring the light and love of Christ into the world.

From the Church Office: Due to the pandemic, we will not be able to collect non-perishable items for the Food Bank. So we encourage everyone to please make a money donation to the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano. You may donate through our online giving page by going to <https://christthelord.gvtls.com> and clicking on the Food Bank picture.

