



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Epiphany January 4, 2026

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God*

*During the Service — Let God speak to you*

*After the Service — Speak to one another*

### LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The word “Epiphany” as defined in the dictionary has two meanings. When the word is capitalized, it refers to God being revealed to the world in the person of Jesus. In lowercase, the term applies to any display of a deity. We typically use the word today to describe any insightful or dramatic moment that instills new spiritual insight, vision, or perspective into our lives. An epiphany is not something to be hidden; rather, it is something to be shared. God was revealed to the world in Bethlehem in the form of a newborn baby. The news of the Epiphany was shared with the shepherds in Luke’s Gospel, while in Matthew’s Gospel, the news is shared with the Magi. These Gentiles wanted to see for themselves how God chose to come into the world, and we are invited to do the same. The season of Epiphany starts on January 6 and ends the day before Ash Wednesday. The liturgical color is **green**.

### TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at [gracechurchmtclemens.org](http://gracechurchmtclemens.org) and follow the links.

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8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

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## OPENING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

## ACCLAMATION

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant continues:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## GLORIA: Angels We Have Heard On High



Come to Beth-le-hem and see Him whose birth the an-gels sing;



Come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.



Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!



Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: Nora & Dash Heath*

*Next Week's Readers: Ann & Dave Farrell*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

*Reader* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE** Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 – *Deus, judicium*  
Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the \*

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God,\*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**

<sup>2</sup>That he may rule your people righteously\*  
**and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,\*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**

<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people;\*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,\*  
**from one generation to another.**

<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,\*  
**like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish;\*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,\*  
**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him,\*  
**and all the nations do him service.**

<sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,\*  
**and the oppressed who has no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;\*  
**he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,\*  
**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

## **SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12**

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN: Lord, Today

Lord, to - day we have seen your glo - ry, dawn  
 fol - lows the night. We, your peo - ple who walked in  
 dark - ness now have seen a great light.

Verses

1. A child is born, a Son giv - en  
 2. The Lord is king, the na - tions re -  
 3. O Beth - le - hem, you are from of  
 4. The days will come, the Lord prom - ised  
 5. New light has dawned up - on all the

us, on him do - min - ion shall rest. The  
 joice, let all God's peo - ple be glad.  
 old, too small a - mong Ju - dah's clans.  
 us, when God would raise up a shoot  
 just, glad - ness for up - right of heart. Re -

His name shall be Won - der - ful God,  
 heav - ens pro - claim jus - tice for all.  
 From you shall come a rul - er this day,  
 to rule the land, reign as a king,  
 joice in the Lord, you faith - ful ones.

Coun - sel - or, Prince of Peace.  
 Glo - ry has filled the land.  
 shep - herd to guide the land.  
 whose name is Lord the Just.  
 Give thanks to God's great name.

D.C.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12

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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****HOMILY**

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to 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, and 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 give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The People stand or kneel*

*Leader* Today we celebrate the Epiphany, the manifestation of God's love to the entire world. With confidence let us bring our petitions before our God, remembering all people in need and for our world, saying:

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all people of every race, nation, and disposition: May your love so embrace us all that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For our Jewish brothers and sisters and all who glory in the star of David: May together we see in the star of Bethlehem not a symbol of division, but a call to reconciliation.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the poor of the earth; for the victims of warfare, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan; and for refugees around the world: May their mourning be turned into joy.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all victims of prejudice and discrimination: May the light of Christ shine as a beacon in the world's darkness.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For our faith community here at Grace and our Mt. Clemens community. We pray also for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, for people who are grieving, and for those who are dying. We pray especially for all those on our prayer list. Are there others?

Bless, comfort, and protect all those for whom we pray.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the larger community around us, our county, our state, and our nation: May we care for the children and for those who are

homeless and imprisoned; may we create a world where shelter, food, and medical care are available for all, and where the law protects all people.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the children in our lives and in our world: Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. Lord, in your mercy:

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words and others said in the quiet of our hearts. Continue to lead us to your Son, Jesus, who is our light this day and forever more. **AMEN.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated*

## OFFERTORY HYMN: Blessed By Your Sacrifice



1. Blessed by your sac - ri - fice, Strong in your love, O Christ,  
2. O Splen - dor, Glo - ry bright, Brought forth as Light from Light!  
3. Come, raise the an - them high! Let prais - es fill the sky!

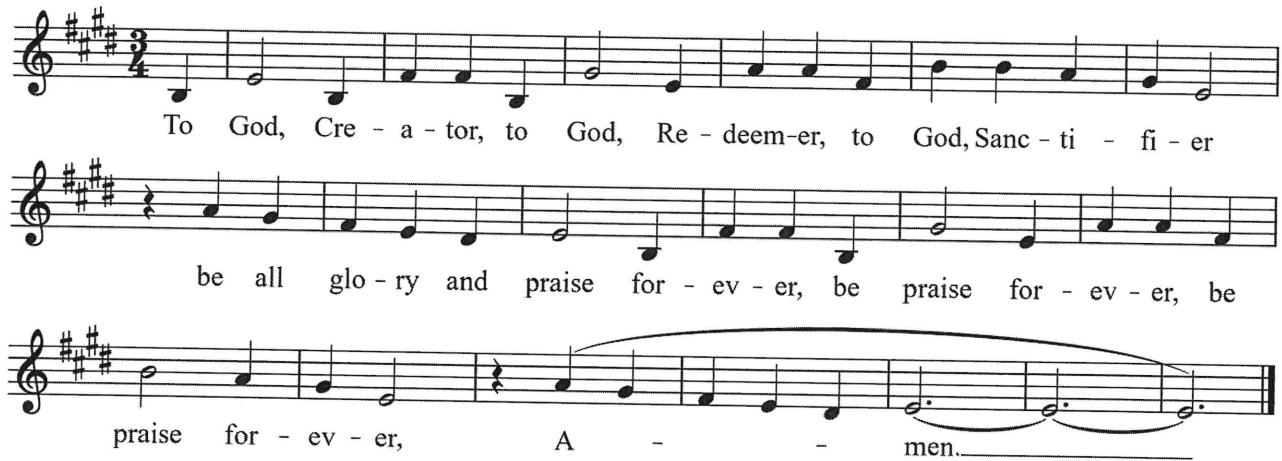


1. Our grate - ful voic - es to you we raise. True ad - o - ra - tion  
2. O Day, all days en - light-en - ing! An - gels with one ac - cord  
3. Sing out a new song un - to the Lord! Let all, with heart and voice,



1. Through - out cre - a - tion Rings out in joy - ful songs of praise.  
2. Cry "Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord!" To you, our ev - er - last - ing King.  
3. Be - fore the throne re - joice Of him whom heav'n and earth a - dore.

## DOXOLOGY: To God, Creator



To God, Cre - a - tor, to God, Re - deem-er, to God, Sanc - ti - fi - er  
be all glo - ry and praise for - ev - er, be praise for - ev - er, be  
praise for - ev - er, A - - - men.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up to our God.**

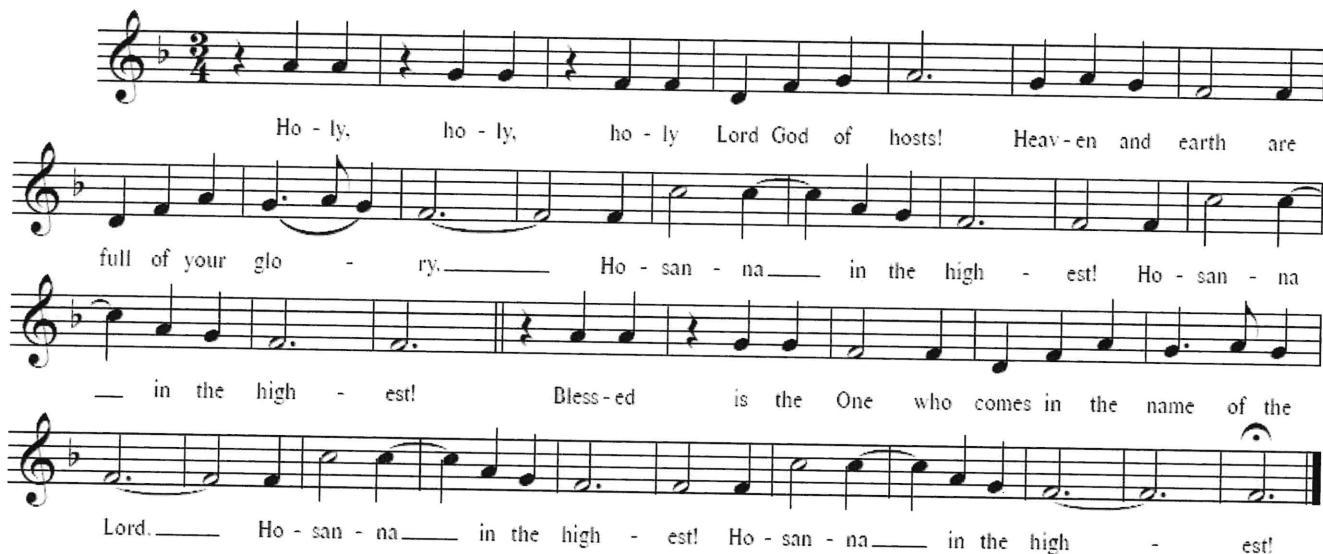
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues:*

Revealing God, you send the light of a star, and in that light we see the truth of who you are and the truth of who we are. Like the magi you call us to worship you, but like the mage we mistake where you truly belong and where we truly belong. Yet in revelation you direct us to yourself and in the incarnation you meet us in yourself. You become what we are that we might become what you are. And so you draw us to the company where your angels gather around your eternal throne, singing their hymn of unending praise:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts! Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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*Celebrant continues:*

God of wonder, as the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, so we bring these gifts of bread and wine. In those gifts we see your grief at the way we crucified your Son, the holy one among us, but also the wonder of how you raised him to be our king in glory forever.

Send down your Holy Spirit, that we may discover what it means to be of you and in you, and that this bread of honest toil and this wine of joyous celebration may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Great is the mystery of our faith.

**People Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

God of wisdom, as the Magi brought gold, bring your whole church, living and departed, to the vision of your glory. As the Magi brought frankincense, infuse all who seek you with the beauty of your holiness. As the Magi brought myrrh, embrace all who suffer until the time comes when you flood the whole creation with justice and mercy. In this banquet, restore us in your image, surround us with your company, and prepare us for your freedom; that we may come to resemble your Son, through whom, and with

whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. **AMEN.**

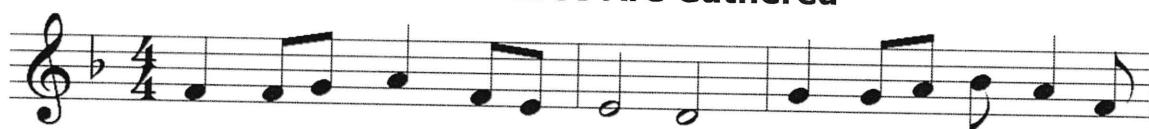
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant says:*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, holy is 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.**

### FRACTION: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered



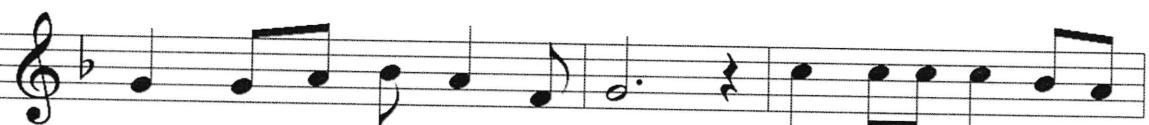
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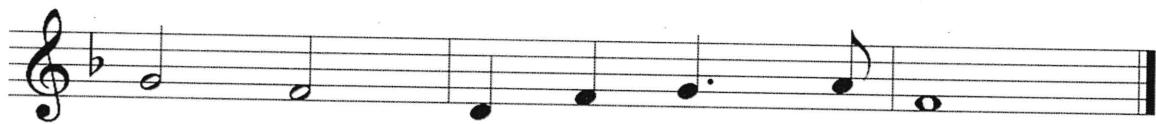
poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je-sus Christ is



Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,



here where the great-est are least, come find a love be-yond



meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

### *Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone*

*Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*



## COMMUNION HYMN: I Am Redeemed

I am re - deemed, bought with a price;  
Je - sus has changed my whole life. If  
an - y - bod - y asks you who I am, I want you to  
tell them I am re - deemed.

1. 1 Where there was hate, 1 love now a - bides. Where  
2. I'll tell of His fa - vor, I'll tell of His love; I'll  
there was con - fu - sion, peace now reigns. I'm  
tell of His good-ness to me. He  
walk - ing with Je - sus. I'm a child of the King, and it's  
pur - chased my re - demp - tion with His own pre - cious blood, and from  
all be-cause I've am re - deemed.  
sin been set free.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together:

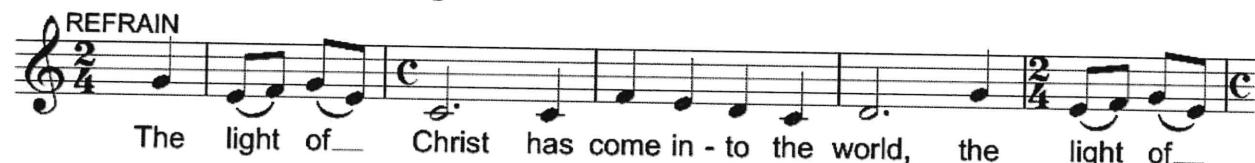
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. **AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: The Light Of Christ

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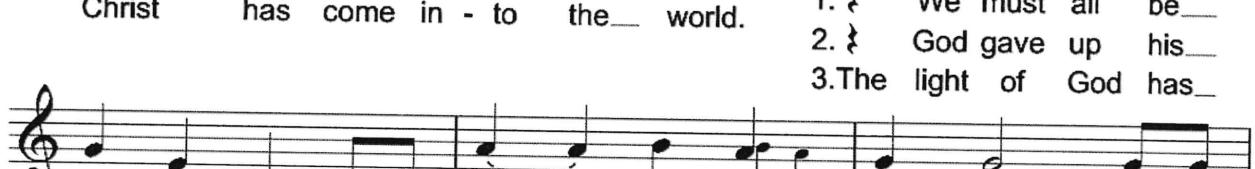


The light of Christ has come in - to the world, the light of

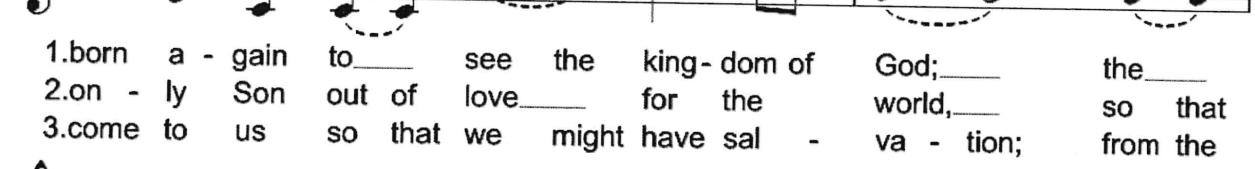
FINE VERSES



Christ has come in - to the world. 1. We must all be  
2. God gave up his  
3. The light of God has



1. born a - gain to see the king - dom of God; the  
2. on - ly Son out of love for the world, so that  
3. come to us so that we might have sal - va - tion; from the



1. wa - ter and the Spir - it bring new life in God's love.  
2. all who be - lieve in him will live for - ev - er.  
3. dark - ness of our sins we walk in - to glo - ry with Christ Je - sus.

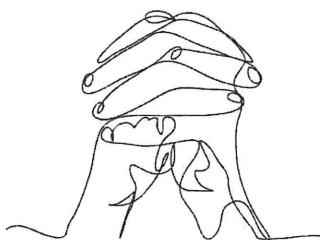
to Refrain



## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



### The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Donna Hanes; Katherine Domienik; Jasmine Gardner; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Pat Greenwood; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Beth Smith; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; John Kelvin; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Louise Lambert; Carole Schwertman; the St. Peter family; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Nicoletta Palazzolo; Lucy Smith & family; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; the Biehl family; the family of Dolora Paull; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Sue Miller; Vickie Rose; Kristi Frangedakis; the family of Carolyn Siewert; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Bill Atkinson; the family of Tom Krell.

***Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.***

***In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.***

***Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.***

**The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH**  
*Currently*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.  
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Community Suppers:**  
**Wednesdays** at 4:00

**Sunday Suppers: Sundays** at 4:00, November-March

**Food Pantry:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup  
*Serving from 250 - 350 people every month*

**Fueling Kids' Futures:**

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4  
35088 Automation Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,  
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:  
586-465-4573***

**CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Please send all bulletin submissions to  
bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org***

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

**COFFEE HOUR**

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

**BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us on **Sundays at 9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend

each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

### **CHOIR**

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

### **BOOK CLUB**

The book club will meet **January 8, 2026 at 6 PM** at Grace Church. The book we will discuss is *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. This is a book focused on Patsy Jefferson and how she shaped the legacy of a new nation with her father, Thomas Jefferson. Please join us in January for a lively and interesting discussion. Call Ann Strevel if you need any further information.



## For the Dignity and Rights of the Unhoused

Loving God, you sent **your Son** Jesus Christ into the world in humility, with **no place to lay his head**, living **among the unhoused**, and dependent on the welcome of others. His **ministry** was not **marked** by palaces, but **by poverty**. You have shown us that your heart is with those on the margins. **We lament** the effort to **conflate** the **unhoused** with **criminals** and to forcibly remove them from the streets using **involuntary commitment**. Help us **recognize** not only their dignity, but **your** very **presence** in their **faces** and in their **stories**. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.