



WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 3, 2021
“THESE LIVES ARE PRECIOUS”
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

PLEASE PUT YOUR JOYS & CONCERN'S IN THE CHAT BOX
COMMUNION SUNDAY - HAVE JUICE & BREAD AVAILABLE

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Light of the World”

Opening Prayer Liturgist Briella Mollo

Holy and Just God, You have shown us what is right and good. Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right so that we might follow your ways and know the peace of your reign on earth as it is in heaven. We praise you for your steadfast presence, holding our lives together in love. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine” FWS# 2173

JOYS & CONCERN'S

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer:

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "God is Holding Your Life"

SCRIPTURE: Liturgist Briella Mollo

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the gift of wise rule to the king, O God, the gift of just rule to the crown prince. May he judge your people rightly, be honorable to your meek and lowly. Let the mountains give exuberant witness; shape the hills with the contours of right living. Please stand up for the poor, help the children of the needy, come down hard on the cruel tyrants. Outlast the sun, outlive the moon— age after age after age. Be rainfall on cut grass earth-refreshing rain showers. Let righteousness burst into blossom and peace abound until the moon fades to nothing. Rule from sea to sea, from the River to the Rim. Foes will fall on their knees before God, his enemies lick the dust. Kings remote and legendary will pay homage, kings rich and resplendent will turn over their wealth. All kings will fall down and worship, and godless nations sign up to serve him, Because he rescues the poor at the first sign of need, the destitute who have run out of luck. He opens a place in his heart for the down-and-out, he restores the wretched of the earth. He frees them from tyranny and torture— when they bleed, he bleeds; when they die, he dies.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THANK'S BE TO GOD

SERMON

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE"

Rev. Effie McAvoy

COMMUNION LITURGY

Rev. Effie McAvoy & Val O'Connor

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. Sing unto God your praises.

We gather on this holy night. We gather at this table.

**Lift, lift your hearts up high! Sing praise to God, And glorify!
Praise, praise, the Prince of Peace, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

God breathed in us the breath of life. God gave the gift of Eden.
We turned away and sin was born. We sought for greener gardens.

**Lift, lift your hearts up high! Sing praise to God, and glorify!
Praise, praise, the Prince of Peace, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

God called to us from age to age through messengers and prophets.
When we would not our hearts give way, the Word-made-flesh God sent us.

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

O Holy God of power and might! Hosanna in excelsis!

Blessed be the one who in your name comes! Hosanna in the highest!

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

The Word-made-flesh, Emmanuel; God, come to live among us!
He preached the good news: the kingdom come! A light shone in the
darkness.

**Love Love is what led him to the Cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

And on the night he was betrayed, Christ took the bread and broke it.

Thanking God, he shared this gift. "Remember, when you eat it!"

**Love, Love is what led him to the Cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

He took the cup and raised it up, "My life I pour out for all of you.

From sin, set free! Remember me! We covenant anew."

**Love, Love is what led him to the cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

Pour out your Spirit, Holy God, upon these gifts, and bless them.

Make them for us the Bread of Life, the Cup of our Salvation!

**Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

SHARING COMMUNION

Sung Prayer after Communion:

Thank God for Holy Mystery; Body of Christ; the gift of life!
As we depart, let us take heart: God's light will lead us always!
**Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Text: Beth Quick, 2013; Refrain text vs. 3-9: William C. Dix, 1865; Tune: *Greensleeves*

CLOSING HYMN

“ We Three Kings”
(Rob Bower & Steve Haunschild)

BENEDICTION