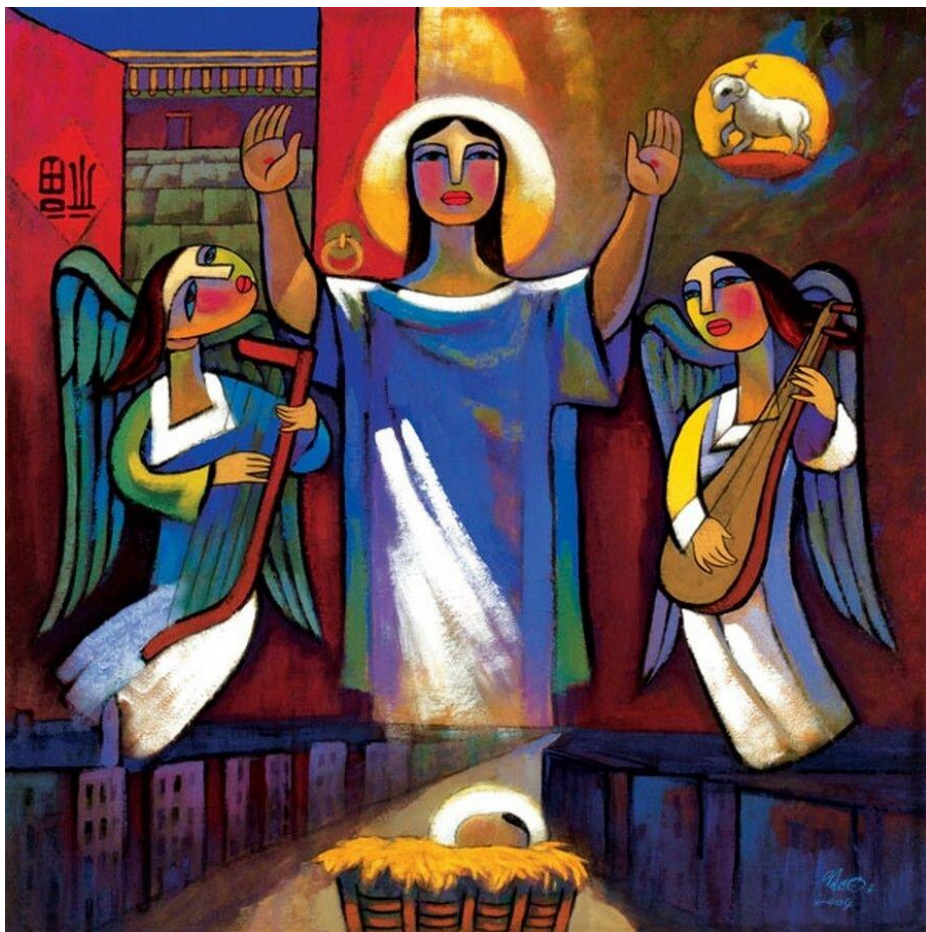


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Meditation Hymn: My peace I leave you

My peace I leave you
my peace I give you
Trouble not your hearts
My peace I leave you
my peace I give you
Be not afraid. (Repeat)

Leader: Heather Thompson / Greeter: Mehry

Welcome:

Today we celebrate the Epiphany which is a time of revelation. Commemorating both the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Israelites and the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi and the baptism of Jesus. God doesn't play favorites but receives all whose hearts long for him. May we open our hearts to receive revelation from God.

Greeting:

May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light,
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal

people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

O God, you called us by name to come,
and we respond with delight and gladness

**In joyful obedience,
we come to worship our God.**

Rising out of the depths of despair,
we gratefully gather for worship.

**In joyful hope,
we come to worship our loving God.**

Our God had given us a new song
of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

**In joyful trust,
we come to worship our God.
Amen**

Opening Prayer:

Most wonderful God,
we too delight in your beloved Son.
As we gather in his name today to praise you,
may the heavens be opened for us, that we
may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love
that transforms our lives and our world with a
beauty not of our making.
Through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Song: To God be the glory, great things he has done!

**1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,**

who yielded his life in atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he has done!**

**2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]**

**3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]**

Prayer of Confession:

God of our baptismal hope,
Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.
Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.
Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise
sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Through the power of your Spirit,
give us the courage to speak what we have seen
and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world.
In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen

Words of assurance:

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator.
You are marked as God's chosen ones
to bring hope and peace to others.
Be at peace and live in hope.

Hear then the words of Christ to us:

"Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

Hymn: TIS 430 - Your words to me

**1 Your words to me are life and health,
put strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.**

**2 Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day I know
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.**

**3 Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn Your perfect will,
through them I see Your face.**

**4 Your words are perfected in one,
Yourself, the living Word;
print Your own image in my heart
in clearest lines, my Lord.**

Moment for the young at heart: Marian Grills

Bible Readings: Marie Thompson

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 NRSV

Salutation

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29-42 NRSV

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: *Roger Abrahams*

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: *John Read*

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

Community News:

- 25th January: Aboriginal Sunday (Day of Mourning)
- 26th January: Australia Day
- 4th February: Wednesday Morning Prayer & Communion (resumes)
- 16th February: Women's Spirituality Group (resumes)
- 18th February: Ash Wednesday - combined event with LUC
- 1st March: Welcome Liesel Homes as she begins her student practicum.
- 1st March: St David's Day
- 6th March: World day of Prayer
- 7th March: Music Team Meeting

Offering Prayer:

O God,
we recognize that we have been blessed
with great abundance.

In offering these gifts,
may we be strengthened to proclaim
your faithfulness and your salvation this
day and always.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

Hymn - TIS 242 - Lord of the Dance

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Chorus

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.**

Chorus

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.**

Chorus

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

Chorus

They cut me down and I leapt up high.

I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Chorus

Benediction & Blessing:

As we leave this place, remember:
God, who chose you before your birth,
who calls you and knows you by name,
now sends you out into the world—
to bring light to those in darkness,
comfort to those who grieve,
hope to those who despair.

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
be among you and within you
as you seek to do God's will.

Amen.

3-fold-amen

Pastoral Prayers: Christo

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