

## **Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Worship for Small Assemblies**

### **EPIPHANY AND THE TIME AFTER EPIPHANY – YEAR B**

#### **NOTES FOR PLANNER**

- Emphasis is on baptism and the call to discipleship
- Season of Epiphany is ‘book-ended’ by the Baptism of Our Lord and the Transfiguration. On both of these days we hear God declaring Jesus as his Son.
- Each Sunday begins with the same responsive dialogue that reminds us of our baptismal living
- Suggest using two scriptures readings only. Use NRSV or another translation
- Suggest using ELW #164 as the Gospel Acclamation. A spoken version is also included in the worship order.
- Prayers of Intercession – two options are provided. If the sermon/reflection time has been more of a dialogue, option 1 may be preferred. If the sermon/reflection has been mainly spoken by one person, option 2 may be preferred.

#### Option 1

- begin each intercession with the suggested phrase. Not all phrases need to be used each week, but over the course of the season, it would be important to use each one.
- ask assembly to name specific places, things, people either silently or aloud
- after a period of silence, say “Lord, in your mercy”; assembly responds, “hear our prayer.”

#### Option 2

- have a conversation outlining the concerns, praise, laments and joys of the community, and closing with a prayer that collects these thoughts. See the worship outline.
- Suggest closing with “This time tomorrow...”, a time to build community, to remember and pray for each other through the week. People are free to share as they wish. Consists of two questions:
  - What are you up to this time tomorrow?
  - A question that fits into the theme of the day or the time of year (an easy question that encourages people to share). See the worship outline for suggestions.
- Hymns are suggested for each Sunday, including using the same baptismal hymn as a Sending Song – ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice. Other suitable hymns are ELW #451 We are Baptized in Christ Jesus or ELW #453 Baptized and Set Free.
- If Communion is being celebrated, use Words of Institution/Eucharistic Prayer II on page 108 (no Great Thanksgiving, Sanctus, etc.)
- Consider asking some of those present to help with the readings and prayers.

Other considerations in this Time after Epiphany (to use as you wish)

- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is framed by two commemorations, the Confession of Peter on January 18<sup>th</sup> and the Conversion of Paul on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Third Sunday after Epiphany on January 21, 2018 falls in between these two dates. The Canadian Council of Churches has prepared resources that you may use in your planning of the Sunday worship or for an ecumenical service held throughout the week. See: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca>
- Sunday, February 11, 2018 is the Transfiguration of our Lord, the last Sunday before the season of Lent. In many communities, it is traditional to ‘fast’ from singing the Alleluia during the season of Lent. You may consider using one of the following ideas, found in *Sundays and Seasons* © 2017 Augsburg Fortress.
  - Singing an appropriate hymn or song at the end of the service. ELW #318 Alleluia, song of gladness is appropriate.
  - The lowering of a banner that has Alleluia on it. Maybe children or an adults group can create one for this purpose. It can be ‘buried’ or hidden until Easter when it is returned to the worship space.
  - If you want more ideas, see the article, “Why don’t we use alleluias during Lent?” in the Frequently Asked Questions section of [elca.org/worship](http://elca.org/worship).

**EPIPHANY AND BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**January 7, 2018**  
**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #302 As with Gladness Men of Old OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*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.**

*Responsive Dialogue*

Mountains and rivers  
Islands and oceans

**Give God glory**

Children and lovers  
Rulers and nations

**Give God glory**

All who live  
All who breathe

**Give God glory**

Exciting God  
Glorious God

**Baptise us with wonder**

Wise God  
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Holy God  
Covenant God

**Baptise us with love**

*Prayer of the Day*

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Through your goodness, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Immerse us in your grace, transform us by your Spirit, and shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and all lands, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 21 and 22, Epiphany of our Lord (2<sup>nd</sup> prayer) and Baptism of Our Lord, Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*            Isaiah 60:1-6

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

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*Second Reading*        Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*        ELW #455 Crashing Waters at Creation

*Prayers of Intercession*

Option 1

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*Close each petition with*

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### Option 2

*Have a conversation, beginning with these or similar words*

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**Amen**

*Sharing of the Peace*

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## **THANKSGIVING**

*Thanksgiving for the Word*

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*(Thanksgiving Prayer – ELW p. 220)*

Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

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*Blessing*

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**Amen.**

*Sending Song*

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*Dismissal*

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### **MEAL**

#### *Words of Institution*

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saying: This cup is the new covenant  
in my blood, shed for you and for all  
people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
(*Eucharistic Prayer II – ELW p. 108*)

Lord's Prayer

*Prayer after Communion*

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your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as  
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**Amen.**

(*Prayer after communion, ELW, p. 114*)

## **SENDING**

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*Blessing*

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**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
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*Dismissal*

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**Amen**

*(ELW p. 22 Second Sunday after Epiphany, Year B)*

**WORD**

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*Second Reading*        John 1:43-51

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*        ELW #798 Will you come and follow me

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*Gathering Song*      ELW #580 How clear is our vocation, Lord OR  
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Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 23, Third Sunday after Epiphany, Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*          Psalm 62:5-12

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

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Alleluia! Amen!

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*Second Reading*          Mark 114-20

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*          ELW #817 You have come down to the lakeshore

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**Baptise us with love**

*Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 23, Third Sunday after Epiphany, Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*          Psalm 62:5-12

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

Glory to God, glory in the highest!

**Glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Second Reading*          Mark 114-20

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*          ELW #817 You have come down to the lakeshore

*Prayers of Intercession*

Option 1

Let us pray for the church, the planet that is our common home, communities near and far, and for all who are in need.

*Choose from the following invitations to prayer and ask people to name specific places, concerns or people, either silently or aloud.*

You are water that washes us into the communion of faith.

*Invite prayers for the unity of the Christian church and other faith communities*

You are water that replenishes the earth.

*Invite prayer for the well-being of creation*

You are water that touches near and distant shores.

*Invite prayers for peace and justice in the world, nations, those in authority, the community*



You are water that refreshes parched bodies, minds and spirits.

*Invite prayers for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely*

You are water that flows from countless streams into rivers, lakes, and oceans.

*Invite prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.*

You are water that enlivens dry bones.

*Invite prayers for the congregation, for special concerns, in remembrance of those who have recently died*

*Close each petition with*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

### Option 2

*Have a conversation, beginning with these or similar words*

As we pray today, let us share with each other the concerns, praise, joys and laments that we, as a community, bring before God. Let us remember our world, our community, our leaders, our neighbours and all of creation.

*Let people speak freely. When conversation is coming to an end, close with*

Living water, you are the one who hears our calls and answers our prayers. We lift our conversation, our prayers, our hopes and dreams to you. Guide us in our baptismal living, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

### *Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

#### *Words of Institution*

In the night in which 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 for the  
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 for the remembrance of me.  
(*Eucharistic Prayer II – ELW p. 108*)

Lord's Prayer

*Prayer after Communion*

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of  
your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as  
bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

(*Prayer after communion, ELW, p. 114*)

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

What happened this week that surprised you? (or your own question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**January 28, 2018**  
**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*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.**

*Responsive Dialogue*

Mountains and rivers

Islands and oceans

**Give God glory**

Children and lovers

Rulers and nations

**Give God glory**

All who live

All who breathe

**Give God glory**

Exciting God

Glorious God

**Baptise us with wonder**

Wise God

Righteous God

**Baptise us with justice**

Holy God

Covenant God

**Baptise us with love**

*Prayer of the Day*

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Song, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 23, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*          Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

Glory to God, glory in the highest!

**Glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Second Reading*          Mark 1: 21-28

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*          ELW #843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*Prayers of Intercession*

Option 1

Let us pray for the church, the planet that is our common home, communities near and far, and for all who are in need.

*Choose from the following invitations to prayer and ask people to name specific places, concerns or people, either silently or aloud.*

You are water that washes us into the communion of faith.

*Invite prayers for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel*

You are water that replenishes the earth.

*Invite prayer for the well-being of creation*

You are water that touches near and distant shores.

*Invite prayers for peace and justice in the world, nations, those in authority, the community*

You are water that refreshes parched bodies, minds and spirits.

*Invite prayers for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely*

You are water that flows from countless streams into rivers, lakes, and oceans.

*Invite prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.*

You are water that enlivens dry bones.

*Invite prayers for the congregation, for special concerns, in remembrance of those who have recently died*

*Close each petition with*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

### Option 2

*Have a conversation, beginning with these or similar words*

As we pray today, let us share with each other the concerns, praise, joys and laments that we, as a community, bring before God. Let us remember our world, our community, our leaders, our neighbours and all of creation.

*Let people speak freely. When conversation is coming to an end, close with*

Living water, you are the one who hears our calls and answers our prayers. We lift our conversation, our prayers, our hopes and dreams to you. Guide us in our baptismal living, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

### *Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

### *Thanksgiving for the Word*

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

*(Thanksgiving Prayer – ELW p. 220)*

### Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

Where will you use water this week that will remind you of your baptism? (or your own question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

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**January 28, 2018**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*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.**

*Responsive Dialogue*

Mountains and rivers

Islands and oceans

**Give God glory**

Children and lovers

Rulers and nations

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All who live

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Glorious God

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*Second Reading*          Mark 1: 21-28

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*          ELW #843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*Prayers of Intercession*

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*Invite prayer for the well-being of creation*

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*Invite prayers for peace and justice in the world, nations, those in authority,*



*the community*

You are water that refreshes parched bodies, minds and spirits.

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You are water that enlivens dry bones.

*Invite prayers for the congregation, for special concerns, in remembrance of those who have recently died*

*Close each petition with*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

### Option 2

*Have a conversation, beginning with these or similar words*

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**Amen**

*Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### MEAL

*Words of Institution*

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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 for the remembrance of me.  
(*Eucharistic Prayer II – ELW p. 108*)

Lord's Prayer

*Prayer after Communion*

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of  
your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as  
bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

(*Prayer after communion, ELW, p. 114*)

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

Where will you use water this week that will remind you of your baptism? (or your own  
question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**February 4, 2018**  
**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*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.**

*Responsive Dialogue*

Mountains and rivers  
Islands and oceans

**Give God glory**

Children and lovers  
Rulers and nations

**Give God glory**

All who live  
All who breathe

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Wise God  
Righteous God

**Baptise us with justice**

Holy God  
Covenant God

**Baptise us with love**

*Prayer of the Day*

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 24, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*          Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

Glory to God, glory in the highest!

**Glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Second Reading*          Mark 1: 29-39

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*          ELW #314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

*Prayers of Intercession*

Option 1

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*Close each petition with*

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### Option 2

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**Amen**

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## **THANKSGIVING**

### *Thanksgiving for the Word*

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

*(Thanksgiving Prayer – ELW p. 220)*

### Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

What, in creation, amazed you this week? (or your own question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*

ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR

Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*Greeting*

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*Responsive Dialogue*

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**Amen**

*(ELW p. 24, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B)*

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**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Second Reading*          Mark 1: 29-39

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*          ELW #314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

*Prayers of Intercession*

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*Close each petition with*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

### Option 2

*Have a conversation, beginning with these or similar words*

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**Amen**

### *Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

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### **MEAL**

#### *Words of Institution*

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our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave  
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his  
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my body, given for you. Do this for the  
remembrance of me.

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saying: This cup is the new covenant

in my blood, shed for you and for all  
people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
(*Eucharistic Prayer II – ELW p. 108*)

Lord's Prayer

*Prayer after Communion*

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your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as  
bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

(*Prayer after communion, ELW, p. 114*)

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

What, in creation, amazed you this week? (or your own question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
February 11, 2018  
SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #671 Shine, Jesus, shine OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*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.**

*Responsive Dialogue*

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**Baptise us with love**

*Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 26, Transfiguration of Our Lord Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*            2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

Glory to God, glory in the highest!

**Glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Second Reading*        Mark 9:2-9

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*        ELW #315 How Good, Lord, to be Here!

*Prayers of Intercession*

Option 1

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*Invite prayers for peace and justice in the world, nations, those in authority,*

*the community*

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*Thanksgiving for the Word*

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*(Thanksgiving Prayer – ELW p. 220)*

Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are the same date this year. Does that mean anything to you? (or your own question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

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**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
February 11, 2018  
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**GATHERING**

*Gathering Song*      ELW #671 Shine, Jesus, shine OR  
                                 ELW #529 Jesus, We Are Gathered

*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.**

*Responsive Dialogue*

Mountains and rivers  
Islands and oceans  
**Give God glory**

Children and lovers  
Rulers and nations  
**Give God glory**

All who live  
All who breathe  
**Give God glory**

Exciting God  
Glorious God  
**Baptise us with wonder**

Wise God  
Righteous God  
**Baptise us with justice**

Holy God  
Covenant God  
**Baptise us with love**

*Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*(ELW p. 26, Transfiguration of Our Lord Year B)*

**WORD**

*First Reading*            2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*Gospel Acclamation*    ELW #164 OR Responsive Reading

Glory to God, glory in the highest!

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To God be glory forever!

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Alleluia! Amen!

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*Second Reading*        Mark 9:2-9

Sermon/Reflection

*Hymn of the Day*        ELW #315 How good, Lord, to be here!

*Prayers of Intercession*

Option 1

Let us pray for the church, the planet that is our common home, communities near and far, and for all who are in need.

*Choose from the following invitations to prayer and ask people to name specific places, concerns or people, either silently or aloud.*

You are the water that washes us into the communion of faith.

*Invite prayers for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel*

You are water that replenishes the earth.

*Invite prayer for the well-being of creation*

You are water that touches near and distant shores.

*Invite prayers for peace and justice in the world, nations, those in authority,*



*the community*

You are water that refreshes parched bodies, minds and spirits.

*Invite prayers for the poor; oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely*

You are water that flows from countless streams into rivers, lakes, and oceans.

*Invite prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.*

You are water that enlivens dry bones.

*Invite prayers for the congregation, for special concerns, in remembrance of those who have recently died*

*Close each petition with*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

### Option 2

*Have a conversation, beginning with these or similar words*

As we pray today, let us share with each other the concerns, praise, joys and laments that we, as a community, bring before God. Let us remember our world, our community, our leaders, our neighbours and all of creation.

*Let people speak freely. When conversation is coming to an end, close with*

Living water, you are the one who hears our calls and answers our prayers. We lift our conversation, our prayers, our hopes and dreams to you. Guide us in our baptismal living, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

### *Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

#### *Words of Institution*

In the night in which 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.  
(*Eucharistic Prayer II – ELW p. 108*)

Lord's Prayer

*Prayer after Communion*

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of  
your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as  
bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

(*Prayer after communion, ELW, p. 114*)

## **SENDING**

*Intentions and Offerings as we leave our community*

What are you up to this time tomorrow?

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are the same date this year. Does that mean  
anything to you? (or your own question)

*Blessing*

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sending Song*            ELW #454 Remember and Rejoice OR  
Song of your choice

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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