

January 5, 2025 Epiphany

GOD WELCOMES US

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship:

The Reign of God is drawing near:

The prophet calls us to change our lives!

Prepare the way for the Lord:

A just and peaceful path!

For the glory of God!

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Christ Candle:

Holy, Holy, Holy Medley

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning, Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,
for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship him now;
how great, how awesome is he!
And together we sing: everyone sing
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with his glory.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with his glory,
the earth is filled with his glory.

(Repeat)

It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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And together we sing, everyone sing:

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with his glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with his glory,
the earth is filled with his glory, Yes, the earth is filled with his
glory.

Reading: John 1:6-14 - There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Holy, Holy, Holy Medley

Holy holy holy, All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns, Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before Thee,
Who was and is, and evermore shall be

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

(Repeat song and repeat last line)

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Message text: Matthew 3:1-12 p. 778

Message title: Re:Turning

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
for my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
for by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
for he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me,
Yet not I but through Christ in me

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

Prayers of the People

Offering: Resonate Global Mission – Nepal Missionary Support

Benediction

Holy Holy Holy vv 3, 4

Holy holy holy, Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though our eyes in sinfulness, Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, There is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, In love and purity

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty,
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