



LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Season of Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
January 9, 2022 – 10:15 a.m.



Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC).

At TLC, we engage with what it means that God's Kingdom is not only a future promise but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ.

This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic and multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

A Note to Our Guests

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin, the responses for you are in bold. Lyrics are projected on the screen.
- Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.
- If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer any questions for you.

Did You Bring Little Ones?

At TLC, we value children. They are not tomorrow's church. They are one church with us. We strive to make their worship experience age appropriate.

Infants through age 4 are welcome to check in any time at the nursery. There is childcare through the entire duration of the worship service. If you prefer to have your child with you during the service or part of it, that is also welcome.

At the 10:15 service, children ages 5 through 4th grade begin the service with us and then leave for their fellowship time after the Gospel reading. Please be sure an usher knows if you are new and with children. They can assist you during this time if needed.

Sundays

8:15 am, Worship Service

9:30 am, ESL & Children's Education (Adult Ed is on hold)

10:15 am, Worship Service & Livestream

Mondays

10 am, Women's Group (1st & 3rd Monday's)

Tuesdays

10 am, Women's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

7 pm, Men's Bible Study

6 pm, Vestry, 2nd Tuesday

Wednesdays

6:30 pm, Youth Group

Thursdays

5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom

5:30 pm, Young Adults (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

Saturdays

8 am, Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (2nd and 4th Saturdays) at TLC

The Gathering

The Processional

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray

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.

Song

Gloria

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Word

A reading from Isaiah.

(Isaiah 43:1-7)

¹But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Psalm (Psalm 29) Read responsively by whole-verse

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

⁹ And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Acts. (Acts 8:14-17)

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Anthem

Gospel Reading (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Discipleship

The children now proceed to their discipleship following the banner, they will rejoin us after the Peace.

Song of Blessing

Leader: Children of God
People: **The Lord be with you as you worship.**
Children: And also with you.

The Karen also leave to hear the sermon proclaimed in their language and return afterward to continue the rest of the service together.

Sermon

Rev. Peggy Murray

Prayerful reflection as we prepare our hearts to come to the Lord in corporate prayer.

The Response

Prayers of the People

Leader: Almighty and gracious God, thank you for calling us to yourself as a people.
People: **May Your Spirit guide our hearts in prayer.**

Guide and sustain your Church in truth and grace
May we embody the beauty of your Kingdom.
Raise your prayers for the Church and its leaders.

Give wisdom and courage to those in authority in our land.
May peace and human dignity thrive among all peoples.
Raise your prayers for the nations of the world.

Bless our neighbors in Harvey Park and the neighborhoods where we live.
Strengthen us as agents of your blessing.
Raise your prayers for our local neighborhoods.

Provide for the needs among us and heal the sick and suffering, we pray.
May the afflicted rejoice in your deliverance.
Raise your prayers for the needs and concerns in our community.

Let us raise other petitions of ours to the Lord.

Deacon:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

The Eucharist

Is the Father with us?

He is.

Is Christ among us?

He is.

Is the Spirit here?

He is.

This is our God.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We are his people.

We are redeemed.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, 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."

Amen. His blood was shed for us.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! This is the feast of victory.

The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia!

As our Savior, Jesus, taught us, so we pray:

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.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ is alive forever.

We are because he is.

We are one body.

We share one bread.

Draw near with faith.

Christ is the host and we are his guests.

(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer to receive these.)

(All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket.)

Communion Songs

Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you during communion. If you would like to pray with a minister, please come to the alcove on the left-hand side of the sanctuary (when facing the altar).

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Sending

Celebrant: All our problems

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties

We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes

We set on the risen Christ.

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JAN. 9, 2022

Adult Ed Class Postponed

Our Adult Ed class, Losing the Faith, Return to the Faith is being postponed, we will let you know when it will start.

TLC's Annual Meeting, Sun., Jan 30th – 1 Service 9:30 am

In order that all might attend.

2022 Diocesan Gathering – Feb. 7 – 9 2022

Wellspring Church. There will be several events for lay people to attend.

Save the Date

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ TLC, March 1st

Ash Wednesday Services, March 2nd

Noon - Imposition of ashes.

7 pm Imposition of ashes, & our youth will lead the service

Our Giving

We are grateful for your faithful giving and various acts of service in the Lord's House.

There are multiple ways available to send your offerings to the church if you missed a church service.

- Through Zelle which acts like a bank transfer. Please use our admin's email, jeanie@tlcdenver.org, when you set it up.
- Through our secure, easy-to-use online page at www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give
- By texting TLCgiving to 73256. (standard text message and data rates may apply)
- By mailing a check to The Light of Christ Church (4000 W. Yale, Ave., Denver, CO 80219)
- And of course, through the offering baskets at the Sunday morning services.

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