



Church
of the
Epiphany
ANGLICAN

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

2020



This Year's Epiphany Gift: Livestream Equipment for the Libereks



We are delighted to continue our tradition with the Christmas Eve offering, designating a portion of it to a specific mission or outreach project, either locally or among our international mission and outreach partners. This year we have chosen a couple serving in Belgium with United World Mission, Daniel & Myriam Liberek.

Like many around the world in this unprecedented time, our ministry partners, the Libereks, have had to launch virtual outreach and worship services for their church in Belgium, even while providing food and space for the hungry in their community. Among European nations, Belgium has been hit particularly hard in the COVID-19 pandemic. Many members of the Liberek's congregation have been sickened. They have acquired the basic equipment needed like a camera, a used computer, some software, etc., managing to continue outreach, albeit on a limited scale. But, they are conscious that they could do much better if there were an investment in more equipment. Their technical team estimates that it would take about \$3,000 to purchase hardware and software to be better equipped and more efficient.

Gifts can be received via mailed in checks to the church office or on Christmas Eve in the offering plate.

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Anyone who has been baptized in a Christian Church is welcome to come to the Holy Table to receive the Bread and the Wine.

Celebrant For unto us a child is born.
People **Unto us a son is given.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSON:

Isaiah 9:1-7

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

THE EPISTLE:

Titus 2:11-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

CHRISTMAS DRAMA

Matthew 1, Luke 1-2

ANTHEM

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People kneel.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God..

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For _____, our Archbishop, and _____, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. We pray for Epiphany’s missionaries, especially _____.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially _____, our President, and _____, our Governor.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially _____], in thanksgiving let us pray.

Silence

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

All

**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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of

sin, so that we might be cleansed from sin and be given the right to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot

now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE



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