

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

## What Feast of Love

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?

What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

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## Epiphany Sunday 5-Jan-2015 Good Shepherd Community Church

*Arise, shine for your light has come!*

### God's Greeting

*Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!*

### Call to Worship:

O come, let us worship the Lord

**and consider what wondrous things God has done:**

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

**O come, let us worship the Lord**

**and consider what wondrous things God has done:**

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

**O come, let us worship the Lord,**

**for God has done wondrous things!**

Hymn- "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

### Invocation

Pastor Jeff Gregory

### Collect Prayer-

### Congregation

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Hymn- 387P "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

### Call to Repentance and Confession

The Light has come into the world and people love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Let us confess our sins to God.

### Prayer of Confession:

Our Spoken Prayer of Confession:

**All:** Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon.

We do it all so easily: Pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny, consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses, and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.

God, forgive us for our negligence of your holy character. Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as though it were permissiveness. Loving Father, astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not

drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom. In Jesus' name. Amen

### **Assurance of Pardon**

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11). He was given the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sin(Mt. 1:21). **Amen.**

### **We Sing the Story of Our God's Revelation**

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. Ps. 98:1*

Hymn- 382P "The Story Has Broken"

Hymn- 349P "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

Hymn- 374P "See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw"

### **We Read the Holy Scripture**

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet; a light upon my path.*

First Testament- Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading from Psalm 72:1-17

New Testament – Ephesians 3:1-12

New Testament – Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **We Sing the Story of Our God's Revelation**

*In order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."*

*Romans 15:9*

Hymn- "Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come" (Arise Shine)

Hymn- "Stars by Night Were Shining" (Noel Nouvelet)

### **We Pray and Give Offerings**

*Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. Ps 5:2*

Concerns, requests, thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

*"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mt. 2:11*

Dedication of Offerings

Hymn- 194P "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

### **We Hear the Word Expounded**

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

*"For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship Him."*

Sermon: " The Worshipping Magi." by Jeff Gregory

Hymn- "How the Enigma of Holiness Beckons!" (Epiphany Hymn)

### **Let us confess our common Christian faith: Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty ...

### **Epiphany Communion Service- led by Mark Bahr**

Words of Invitation

Words of Institution- 1 Corinthians 11

Declaration of Thanksgiving

**Acclamation of Praise**

Thanksgiving for the Meal

Distribution of Bread/ communion

Communion Hymn- "What Feast of Love"(GREENSLEEVES)

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

Post Meal Thanksgiving

Closing Song- As with Gladness Men of Old 386P

**Doxology: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.**

**Praise be to his glorious name forever;**

**may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.**

**Benediction- Ps. 67:1-2**

*God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen*

