



Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from God.

*—James 1:17*

The Season after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

St. John's, Powell

# WELCOME

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

## The Season

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “showing forth, appearance, manifestation, revelation.” On January 6th we recognize the **manifestation**, (or revelation) of Christ to the Gentiles when the **three kings** arrived with **gifts** for the newborn Jesus. The **star** that guides them is part of the imagery of this whole season, as are the celestial **sun and moon**.

The Feast of the Epiphany is followed by the “Sundays after the Epiphany.” The length of this season of Epiphany varies from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This year, the season lasts through January to March 2.

## All Good Gifts

The Bible identifies a variety of spiritual gifts, including prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, and mercy and more.

The Gift of Administration: The Greek word for the spiritual gift of administration is *kubernesis*. This is a unique term that refers to a shipmaster or captain. The literal meaning is “to steer,” or “to rule or govern.” It carries the idea of someone who guides and directs a group of people toward a goal or destination.

With this gift the Holy Spirit enables certain Christians to organize, direct, and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the Church. This gift is closely related to the gift of leadership, but is more goal or task oriented and is also more concerned with details and organization.

## We are Gifted

In Epiphany, we have heard from (and about) so many gifted administrators. Our Sr. Warden, **Lynda Ramier**, and our Jr. Warden, **Oscar Trevino**, have attended to the details and tasks of our Vestry, a churchy name for an oversight board, and of our building and grounds. And while they aren’t considered “rulers” in any way, their willingness to make phone calls, meet service contractors at the church and communicate with all the vestry folks is a good and perfect gift. They are joined in 2025 by **Martha Moewes**, **Laurel McKeen** and newly appointed **Susan McEvoy**. The vestry is supported by our highly competent co-treasurers, **Laura Greathouse**, who manages all income, and **Sue Woods**, who takes care of expenses and reporting. Many thanks!

## Ministers

Altar Guild	Laura Greathouse
Sound	Robert Rumbolz
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Dillivan
Liturgy Greeter	Martha Moewes
Musicians	Tom & Kathy Walker Kasandra Fell
Worship Leader	Steve Nickles
Reader	Elaine DeBuhr
Preacher	Tim Glatzer
Intercessor	Charlotte Patrick
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Oscar Trevino Jen Litterer-Trevino
Communion Bread	Jen Litterer-Trevino
Coffee Hour	Elaine DeBuhr & Rob Rumbolz

## Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee; Diocesan Staff;  
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;  
Our Father's House. Ethete

Cynthia & Martin; Paul & Gaylene;  
Kay, Don & Juliana; Cece & Freda; Chris  
& Terri; Tim & Alex; Andre & Syd;  
Don, Deb & Donna; Kenny & Michael;  
Richard & Jennifer; Carolyn & Family;  
Lee & Kelly; Hunter, Charlotte & Mike;  
Hugh B. & Marge; Margie & Josey;  
Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley

Jim, Jessica, Wendy, Nancy, Rob K.,  
Mary Ellen, Laurel, Braxton, Gail,  
Joey, Patty, Cynthia W., Mary, Katy,  
Tuti Rosita, Marlynn, Douglas,  
Mickey, Mike G., Carra, Rob R.,  
Kathy E., Tammy, Bobby B., Larry,  
Irene, Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane.  
Bennett, Daryn, Justin, Jacob, Patrick,  
Reece, Coleman, and Bryce who are  
serving in the military.

## Celebrations

Birthday: Justine Larsen—16<sup>th</sup>, Devin Matthews—17<sup>th</sup>, Laura Greathouse—21<sup>st</sup>

## Prelude

“I Am Light,” India.Arie.

## Hymn



1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered  
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3. Glor - ious Lord, your - self im - part! Light of Light, from



1. all to hear you; let our hearts and minds be stirred  
2. dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night  
3. God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now each mind and heart,



1. now to seek and love and fear you; by your teach - ings  
2. with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; you a - lone to  
3. help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your



1. true and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
2. God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.  
3. Church now rais - es; Lord, ac - cept our prayers and prais - es.

Text: 78 78 88; Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673, alt.; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

## Gathering

Christ is the fountain of life.

**In Christ we behold the light of God.**

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The son of God is named, “Beloved.”

And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

## Confession

God has promised that everyone  
who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
Therefore, let us call upon the Lord to confess our sins.

God of new creation,  
we confess that we have failed  
to trust your bountiful goodness.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance.

Yet, we hoard earth's resources  
and refuse to share our gifts.  
We dishonor your generosity  
by withholding our charity to those in need.

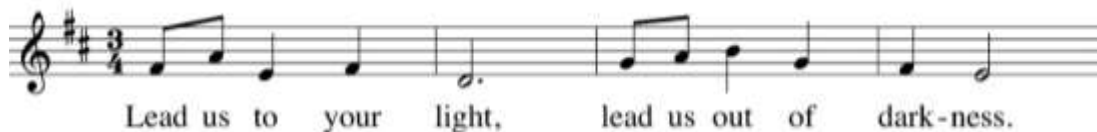
We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies.  
We disregard your compassion  
by severely judging the sins of others.

Forgive us.

By the power of your spirit  
renew our hearts and free us from sins  
that we may enjoy  
the fullness of your blessing  
upon all creation. Amen.

Sisters and brothers,  
God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance.  
Accept God's grace, repent your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

## Song of Renewal *We sing this refrain; the cantor sings a verse and we repeat the refrain.*



# Scripture

*We sit.*

Gracious God,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
quicken our understanding  
that we may receive the testimony of Scripture  
and see and believe the signs that manifest your presence.

**Amen.**

A reading from Luke.

*After the reading*

The Word of God, the Word of light.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

## Prayers

God of the stars and moon, in every gathering of believers, you bring together a people of gifts, strengths, and needs to manifest the body of Christ. Bathed in your starlight, we now pray together in hope and faith to the One who created all things, saying, God of light and life, **receive our prayer.**

*The intercessor continues with the prayers, concluding with*

God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Your light calls us forth to follow you. May we continue to reflect your light in our lives, in our service, in our words and in our deeds. This we ask through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

As our Savior taught us, we now pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We may greet one another in the name of God.*

## Announcements

### Offertory

God, the source of all good things, has given us what we need.

In joyful response, let us offer our gifts,

The fruit of our labors, and the dedication of our hearts

For service in the name of one made manifest, Jesus the Christ.

## Music

“Who Do You Say That I Am,” David Phelps, Cindy Morgan.

# Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls, we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art. We rejoice that you have made us in your image and call us to live in your limitless love. You bring people to the dawn of your rising.

You sent your only child, our morning star, to light a way in our night and lead us to justice and peace. Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives.

Each daybreak you call us to feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed, heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your commonwealth on earth.

For all of this we give you thanks. And we praise you, joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly  
Lord, God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Whenever you do this,  
do it in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, saying,  
This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.

This is the mystery of faith:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 8/8 time and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of text. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

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By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup  
that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us.

By your Spirit manifest in us the power of your redeeming love  
Shine your light on the offering of our lives that we may be Christ for the world,  
serving in his name.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff in 3/4 time. It features a melodic line with a final cadence. The key signature has three flats.

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*The Leader breaks the bread. There is silence.*  
We break the bread of life,  
**and that life is the light of the world.**  
God's gifts for God's people.

## The Communion

*Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.*

*We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

*Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.*

## Music

*“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus,” Simon Marik.*

*“Jesus Loves Me,” Anna Bartlett Warner.*

## Prayer of Thanks

*We stand.*

**Let us pray.**

**In gratitude, O God,**

**we have come to your table,**

**into your presence, into your house.**

**For all that you have done for us,**

**for the gifts you have given and a place to offer them;**

**for the bread, the wine, the Word, the song,**

**for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ,**

**we offer our thanks and praise.**

**We long to live as children of light,**

**doing what is pleasing to you through Jesus Christ,**

**who awakens those who sleep,**

**and raises those who are dead to new life.**

**In his name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn



1. Who is this Je - sus, whose voice we have heard, whose  
2. Who is this Je - sus, whose light we have seen, whose  
3. Who is this Je - sus, whose love we have known, whose  
4. Je - sus is hu - man, our flesh and our blood, but



ac - tions re - veal and il - lu - mine God's word, whose  
shin - ing in splen - dor turns bar - ren earth green, whose  
hun - ger and pain were as real as our own, whose  
al - so the im - age and full - ness of God. This



sto - ries sur - pris - ing new in - sights im - part, whose  
ris - ing in glo - ry pre - vails o - ver death, whose  
pow'r and com - pas - sion are with us to heal, whose  
Je - sus is Christ and on him we de - pend, our



Gos - pel is joy for the hum - ble of heart?  
Spir - it of wis - dom gives beau - ty and breath?  
life in a - bun - dance we share in this meal?  
sol - id - rock cen - ter, be - gin - ning, and end.

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## Sending

Go peaceably, looking upon the hearts of others,  
and proclaiming the Good News.

**We go with the light of Christ upon us.**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

“Psalm 146,” Poor Bishop Hooper.

## Service Texts

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