



Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from God.

-James 1:17

The Season after the Epiphany

February 2, 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

There are three biblical lists of spiritual gifts.

The gifts identified in Romans 12 are prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, and mercy. A few definitions (more to come):

Faith – All believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith (Galatians 5:22-23). The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, the Word, and prayer.

Healing – Although God does heal today, and while there is no biblical reason that God could not empower an individual with the spiritual gift of healing today, God miraculously healing people directly through the spiritual gifting of an individual seems to have primarily been limited to the ministry of the apostles and their close associates in the very early days of the church (2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:4). **Healing is also powerfully associated with reconciliation and the repair of relationships.**

Gifts in Action

In these weeks of January, we will hear from our leadership about our servant ministry in short reports of our “outward signs” of invisible grace and giftedness during each service. We will learn about each other and our work, which will help us prepare for the annual meeting of our membership on February 9, 2025. Today, **Diana Anderson** will report on the Thrift Shop and **Lynda Ramier**, Senior Warden, and **Oscar Trevino**, Junior Warden, will speak about the work of the Vestry.

Ministers

Altar Guild	Charlotte Patrick
Sound	Steve Nickles
Hospitality Greeter	Diana Anderson
Liturgy Greeter	Martha Moewes
Worship Leader	Charlotte Patrick
Reader	Mark Smith
Preacher	Charlie Bond
Intercessor	Mary Dillivan
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Laura Greathouse Bobbi Tyrrel
Communion Bread	Susan McEvoy

Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff;
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;
All Soul's, Kaycee

The Grover Family; Kay, Don & Juliana; Cynthia & Martin; Paul & Gaylene; 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	Jessica, Wendy, Nancy, Rob K., Jim, 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.
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Celebrations

Birthday: Rebecca Weed—6th, Charlie Larsen—7th

Prelude

“Psalm 92: Lord, It is Good to Give Thanks to You,” Francesca LaRosa.

Hymn *Verses 1, 2, 4*

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.

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

Mothering God, in every gathering of Christian believers,
you bring together a people of gifts, strengths, and needs
to manifest the universal body of Christ. In gratitude for all we have received,
we gather to offer our intentions, petitions and thanksgiving to God saying,
May we be ever grateful for every perfect gift
which comes from God above.

The intercessor continues with the prayers, concluding with

With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God, for hearing the faithful prayers
of your people. Grant us grace and love and blessings for every perfect gift. **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.**

Outward Signs

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

“Psalm 92,” Poor Bishop Hooper.

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **AMEN.**

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

“To the Music of the Strings (Psalm 92),” Cardiphonia Music.

“Light of a Clear Blue Morning,” Wailin’ Jennys.

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. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be-gun, And I
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
they would not dance, and they would-n't fol - low me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But
live in you if you'll live in me: †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a Cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

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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

“Be The Light,” Act of Congress.

Service Texts

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