



Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from God.

-James 1:17

The Season after the Epiphany

February 9, 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

More gifts in our series of describing gifts as referred to in Scripture:

Helps – Closely related to the gift of mercy is the gift of helps. Those with the gift of helps are those who can aid or render assistance to others in the church with compassion and grace. This has a broad range of possibilities for application. Most importantly, this is the unique ability to identify those who are struggling with doubt, fears; to move toward those in spiritual need with a kind word, an understanding and compassionate demeanor; and to speak scriptural truth that is both convicting and loving.

Distinguishing (discernment) – to understand or know something through the power of the Spirit. It includes perceiving the true character of people and the source and meaning of spiritual manifestations of their abilities and strengths.

Gifts in Action

In the previous weeks, we heard from our leadership during each service about our servant ministry in short reports of our “outward signs” of invisible grace and giftedness. Today, at our annual meeting of our membership we will hear more about what is planned for this new year. Please join us following the service for the meeting and for a feast prepared by the Thrift Shop Volunteers.

Ministers

Altar Guild	Jane Woods
Sound	Oscar Trevino
Hospitality Greeter	Laura Greathouse
Liturgy Greeter	Doug Ramier
Musicians	Tom & Kathy Walker Kasandra Fell
Worship Leader	Mary Dillivan
Reader	Jen Litterer-Trevino
Preacher	Charlotte Patrick
Intercessor	Kim Dillivan
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Barb Morales Jim Morales
Communion Bread	Doug & Lynda Ramier

Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia
 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff;
 Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;
 St. Francis on the Prairie, Wright

<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>
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Celebrations

Birthday: Miles Rumbolz—10th, David Clabaugh—15, Dylan Asay—15th,
 Kathy Walker—15th

Anniversary: Jim & Susan McEvoy—13th

Prelude

“I Am Light,” India.Arie

Hymn



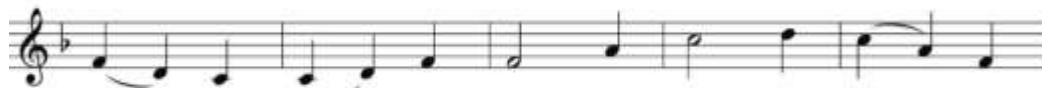
1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal Or
2. The pain that will not go a - way, The
3. So some have come who need your help, And



an - swer ev - 'ry suf - f'rer's prayer, Yet
guilt that clings from things long past, The
some have come to make a - mends, As



we be - lieve your grace re - sponds Where faith and
fear of what the fu - ture holds, Are pres - ent
hands which shaped and saved the world Are pres - ent



doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied
as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is
in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it



on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and heal and
love which tends The hurt we nev - er hoped to
meet us here To mend the bod - y, mind, and



warn, To car - ry all through death to
find, The pri - vate ag - o - nies in -
soul, To dis - en - tan - gle peace from



life And cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
side, The mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
pain, And make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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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.

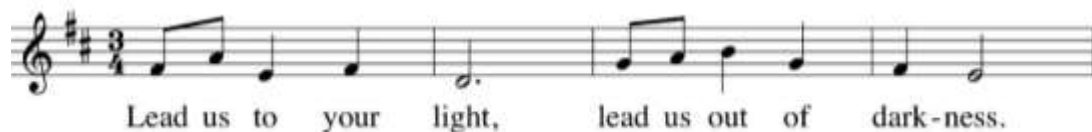
God of new creation,
we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance.
Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share our gifts.
We dishonor your generosity
by withholding our charity to those 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.

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

“He Touched Me,” Bill Gaither.

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.

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly". The second staff continues with: "Lord, God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are". The third staff: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -". The fourth staff: "est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff: "Lord. Ho - san - na". The sixth staff: "in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

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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.

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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.

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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

“Jesus, Lover of my Soul,” John Wesley.

“There is None Like You,” Lenny LeBlanc.

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 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of right - eous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more your - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
MUSIC: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. William H. Havergal (1793-1870)

RATISBON
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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

“Jesus, Lead Me to Your Healing Waters,” David Crowder Band.

Service Texts

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