



## **The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

And Jesus went about all Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues,  
and preaching the gospel of the kingdom...

February 19, 2023  
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 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 and to February 19. It’s themes are **light, stars, and gifts**.

## Service Texts

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## Ministers

Altar Guild	Mary Dillivan
Sound	Steve Nickles
Greeter	Doug Ramier
Worship Leader	Laura Greathouse
Musicians	Tom Walker Kathy Walker
Reader	Mark Smith
Preacher	Rob Koelling
Intercessor	Charlotte Patrick
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Jen Litterer-Trevino
Communion Server	Oscar Trevino
Communion Bread	Barb Morales

Following the service today, please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Today's hosts are Doug and Lynda Ramier.

## Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Rwanda

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Casper

Shirley & Deb; Charlie & Jane; Wayne & Wendy; Richard & Jennifer; Tim & Lynnae; Robin & Mark; Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey; John Grover & Family; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike & Michelle, Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Hunter & Charlotte; Cynthia, Tammy, Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Alex, Irene, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, and Marge	Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, Chip, and Sam who are serving in the military.  Josephine DeWitt who resides at Canyon Creek Care Center and Don Smith who resides at American House Assisted Living, Orange City, FL.
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## Celebrations

Birthday: Laura Greathouse—21<sup>st</sup>, Alethea Durney—25<sup>th</sup>

# Prelude

“The Lord is my Light and My Salvation,” Cambridge Singers.

# Welcome

## Hymn *Verses 1, 4, 5*



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.  
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.  
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.  
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.  
Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,  
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



Light for the world to see.  
Make us your liv - ing voice.  
Shared un - til all are fed.  
Walls made of liv - ing stone.  
Mak - ing your king - dom come.

### Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, 9 8 9 6 with refrain; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
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## **Gathering**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!  
In Christ we behold the light of God.  
Yours, O God, is the power to make all things new,  
to keep us in sunlight and moonlight.

## **Confession**

As children of God's light,  
we are called to participate in what is good and right and true,  
and expose what is unfruitful and evil.  
Knowing that we turn from the light,  
we bring our confession to God.  
Gracious God,  
we are people who still love darkness rather than light.  
We keep shameful deeds secret,  
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.  
We see ourselves as blameless,  
but pass judgment on others.  
We do not stand firmly enough  
with those who are vulnerable,  
but step back, protecting ourselves.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved.  
Bring us into your light that we may live fruitful lives.  
Shine upon us with your grace.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the light of the world.  
Amen.  
God's goodness and mercy will follow us, pursue us,  
all the days of our life.  
As God's forgiven people,  
receive this goodness and mercy,  
and live a new life in the grace of Jesus.  
Amen.

# Prayer of the Season

Let us pray.  
God of wonder and mystery,  
God of the stars and the universe,  
God of winding ways and straight paths,  
we gather today with gratitude  
for the gift of your constant presence,  
and your trustworthy guidance.  
Grace us with the hospitality  
to open our hearts and homes  
to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom  
bearing profound and unusual gifts. Amen.

# Alleluia

*The cantor sings through once, we sing twice.*

Musical notation for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Son of God Heav'n to earth, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

*Arr. Tom Walker*

# Scripture

*We sit*  
Radiant Morning Star,  
your prophets speak of the coming light of God  
which calls people of the earth together in God's realm of shalom.  
Let us hear in these words your vision of wholeness  
through the presence of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

A reading from Matthew.

*After the reading*

The Word of God, the light of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

## Prayers

God of the stars and moon, in every gathering of Christian believers,  
you bring together a people of gifts, strengths, and needs  
to manifest the universal body of Christ.

In peace we pray, saying

God of radiance and warmth, **hear our prayer.**

*The intercessor continues with the prayers, concluding with*

God, you are the giver of all good things:  
receive our prayers that we offer.

In all things, grant us the courage  
to exercise your gifts for the good of our world,  
through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Lord's prayer

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

*We stand.*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

## Announcements

### Offertory

We come to share our gifts and resources  
In order to care for one another  
and for the world Christ came to save.

### Music

“Unto the Least of These,” Glen Campbell.

# Great Thanksgiving

*We stand.*

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 beauty.

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, my heart, my heart a - dore you. My  
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra. Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are Ho - ly, Lord!  
co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Señ - or.

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G A7/G D A/C# Bm Bm/A Em7 A7 G/A D

*Argentine Sanctus*



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:

Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,  
 ris - ing you re-stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in  
 glo - ry, Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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 Music: *Santo*; Argentine folk melody; adapt. by Marty Haugen, © 2001, GIA Publications, Inc.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all gathered here,  
 that we might be your light in the world.  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,  
 that we might be infused with the gift of your nourishing guidance.  
 Transform us with your sustaining grace,  
 even as we eat of this bread and drink of this wine.  
 Transfigure us to be your presence in the world,  
 even as we are redeemed and reclaimed by your great love.  
 By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,  
 one with each other, and one in ministry to the world.  
 Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
 all honor is yours, loving God, now and forever more.

A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, all praise to you for - ev - er. A -  
 men, A - men, to you, O God, now and ev - er - more.

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## **Breaking the Bread**

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. You may receive only bread, only wine, or both. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

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

## **Music**

"The Least of These," Matt Maher.

"Give Thanks," Don Moen.

## **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,  
the clothes, the visits,  
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.**

# Hymn *We repeat verse 1*



1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the  
Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my  
light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?

♩ Refrain



Whom shall I fear, whom shall I  
fear? The Lord is the strength  
of my life; whom shall I fear? *To verses*

Verse 2



2. In the time of trou - ble he shall  
hide me, in the time of trou - ble, he shall  
hide me, in the time of trou - ble, he shall  
hide me; whom shall I fear? **D.S.**

*Verse 3, next page*

Verse 3

3. Wait on the Lord and be of good  
cour - age, O wait on the Lord and be of good  
cour - age, wait on the Lord and be of good  
cour - age. He shall strength-en thine heart. **D.S.**

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first three staves are marked with a '3.' indicating a triplet. The fourth staff ends with a 'D.S.' (Da Capo) marking.

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## Sending

Go peaceably in sunlight and moonlight,  
looking upon the hearts of others,  
We go with the light of Christ upon us. Alleluia!

## Postlude

“The Lord Is My Light,” Angel Chorus (feat. Joel Echols).