



Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from God.

*-James 1:17*

The Season after the Epiphany

January 26, 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. A few definitions:

**Mercy** – Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity coupled with a desire and the resources to lessen their suffering in a kind and cheerful manner.

**Word of wisdom** – The fact that this gift is described as the “word” of wisdom indicates that it is one of the speaking gifts. This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way as to skillfully apply it to life situations with discernment.

**Word of knowledge** – This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge seek to understand the deep things of God and the mysteries of the Word.

## 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, **Sue Woods** will report on Outreach, and **Deb Ross** will summarize the work of St. John’s Pantry.

## Ministers

Altar Guild	Barb Morales
Sound	Robert Rumbolz
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Dillivan
Liturgy Greeter	Kathy Riley
Musicians	Tom & Kathy Walker Kasandra Fell
Worship Leader	Tim Glatzer
Reader	Doug Ramier
Preacher	Megan Nickles
Intercessor	Diana Anderson
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Steve Nickles Lynda Ramier
Communion Bread	Barb Morales
Coffee Hour	Meg & Steve Nickles

## Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff;  
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;  
St. Thomas', Dubois

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

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., Cynthia G., Larry, Irene,  
Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane.  
Bennett, Daryn, Justin, Jacob, Patrick,  
Reece, Coleman, and Bryce who are  
serving in the military.

## Celebrations

Birthday: Rusty McKeen—26<sup>th</sup>, Seth Fell—26<sup>th</sup>, Mark Smith—28<sup>th</sup> Bobbi Tyrrel—28<sup>th</sup>,  
Carra Wetzel—30<sup>th</sup>

# Prelude

“Deep Waters,” Paul Cardall.

## Hymn



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but  
4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free and  
call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you  
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you  
and do such as this un - seen, and ad -  
to re - shape the world a - round, through my  
where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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

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

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus,” words, S. Trevor Francis, tune Eleanor Farjeon.

# 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.

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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

*“Deep Calls to Deep,” Sister Estelle White.*

*“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus,” S. Trevor Francis.*

## 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. You walk a - long our shore - line Where land meets un - known sea.  
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er The peo - ple of the earth.  
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; We cry the king - dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
We can - not fish for on - ly Those lives we think have worth.  
We work for love and jus - tice; We learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low Through storm and wave and shoal,  
We spread your net of gos - pel A - cross the wa - ter's face,  
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



Then I will make you fish - ers But of the hu - man soul."  
Our boat a com - mon shel - ter For all found by your grace.  
To let your judg - ment heal us So that all may be one.

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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

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine," Cardiphonia Music.

## Service Texts

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