



Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from God.

-James 1:17

The Season after the Epiphany

January 12, 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):

Prophecy – The Greek word translated “prophecy” in both passages properly means “a speaking forth.” To prophesy is to declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God that is designed to influence people.

Serving – Also referred to as “ministering,” this gift involves providing service of any kind; it is the broad application of practical help to those in need. “Serving” is a translation of the Greek word *diakonian*, from which we get the English “deacon.”

Teaching – This gift involves the analysis and proclamation of the Word of God, explaining the meaning, context and application to the hearer’s life. The gifted teacher is one who has the unique ability to clearly instruct and communicate knowledge, specifically around scripture, theology and the doctrines of the faith.

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, **Susan McEvoy** will report on Congregational Care, and **Meg Nickles** will recap formation.

Ministers

Altar Guild	Laura Greathouse
Sound	Steve Nickles
Hospitality Greeter	Diana Anderson
Liturgy Greeter	Doug Ramier
Musicians	Tom & Kathy Walker Kasandra Fell
Worship Leader	Kim Dillivan
Reader	Barb Morales
Preacher	Robert Mason
Intercessor	Katy Lytle
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Jen Litterer-Trevino Oscar Trevino
Communion Bread	Charlotte Patrick
Coffee Hour	Diana Anderson

Prayer Concerns


Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff;
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;
Commission on Ministry

Kay & Don; 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	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, Nancy, Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane. Bennett, Daryn, Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece, Coleman, and Bryce who are serving in the military.
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Prelude

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart/My Jesus I Love Thee,” Pat Moore.

Hymn Verses 1, 2




1. When John bap - tized by Jor - dan's riv - er
2. There as the Lord, bap - tized and pray - ing,
3. O Son of Man, our na - ture shar - ing,



In faith and hope the peo - ple came, That John and
Rose from the stream, the sin - less one, A voice was
In whose o - be - dience all are blest, Sav - ior, our




Jor - dan might de - liv - er Their trou - bled
heard from heav - en say - ing, "This is my
sins and sor - rows bear - ing, Hear us and




souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a
own be - lov - ed Son." There as the Fa - ther's
grant us this re - quest: Dai - ly to grow, by



new be - gin - ning, The hu - man spir - it's age - less
word was spo - ken, Not in the pow'r of wind and
grace de - fend - ed, Filled with the Spir - it from a -



quest, Re - pent - ance, and an end of
flame, But of his love and peace the
bove; In Christ bap - tized, be - loved, be -



sin - ning, Re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.
to - ken, Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.
friend - ed, Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

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

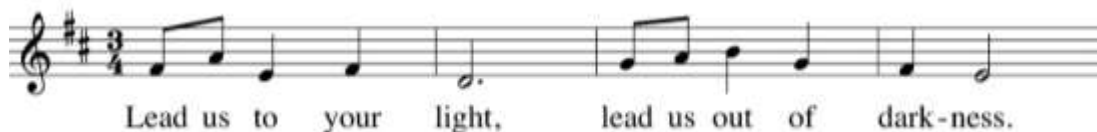
God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Therefore, let us call upon the Lord to confess our sins.

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.
Except 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

“Wade in the Water,” African American Spiritual.

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.

The Leader blesses the food for the pantry with these words

Sanctify this food for all those who take it, and all those who have given it, that its
nourishment may feed the hunger of the body and for the Word made flesh.

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

“Lead Kindly Light,” John Henry Newman.

“Come Down O Love Divine,” Bianco da Siena, Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2. Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir-rored in thy ho - ly Word;



1. Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sag - es from a - far;
2. And at Ca - na, wed-ding guest, In thy God-head man - i - fest;
3. May we im - i - tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;



1. Branch of roy - al Da-vid's stem In thy birth at Beth-le-hem;
2. Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
3. That we like to thee may be At thy great E - pi-pha-ny;



1. Prais - es be to thee ad-dressed,
 2. Prais - es be to thee ad-dressed,
 3. And may praise thee, ev - er - blessed,
- } God in flesh made man-i - fest.

Text: 77 77 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

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

“Down To The River To Pray,” Wanda Vick.

Service Texts

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