



Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from God.

*—James 1:17*

The Season after the Epiphany

January 19, 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):

**Encouraging** – Also called “exhortation,” this gift is evident in those who consistently call upon others to heed and follow God’s truth, which may involve correction or building others up by strengthening weak faith or comforting in trials.

**Giving** – Gifted givers are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time and attention. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money, and time with them as needs arise.

**Leadership** – The gifted leader is one who rules, presides over, or has the management of other people in the church. The word literally means “guide” and carries with it the idea of one who steers a ship. One with the gift of leadership rules with wisdom and grace and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in his life as he leads by example.

## 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, **Tim Glatzer** will report on Worship and **Laura Greathouse** will speak about the work of the Altar Guild.

## Ministers

Altar Guild	Barb Roberts
Sound	Oscar Trevino
Hospitality Greeter	Megan Nickles
Liturgy Greeter	Martha Moewes
Worship Leader	Laura Greathouse
Reader	Rob Koelling
Preacher	James Goff
Intercessor	Jessica Smith
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Mary Dillivan Kim Dillivan
Communion Bread	Diana Anderson

## Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff;  
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;  
St. Peter's, Sheridan

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

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., 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: Kathy Riley—20<sup>th</sup>, Lynda Ramier—22<sup>nd</sup>

# Prelude

“Christ Light,” Mooji Mala & Shivali.

# Hymn



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice;
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.  
The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,  
Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - jice!  
In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;  
The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;  
God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross;  
The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow,  
And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.  
Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.  
And all things cry “Glo - ry!” to God all in all.

Text: Bryn A. Rees, 1911-1983, © Mrs. Olwen Scott  
Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

# 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

“When Morning Gilds the Sky,” Steven Anderson.

## 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

"I Am The Bread of Life," Collin Raye.

"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me," Cindy Epstein.

## 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 *Verses 1-6*

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin, He  
 5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to His voice, New  
 \*6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your  
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, Shall

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease, 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free; His blood can make the  
 life the dead re - ceive; The mourn - ful, bro - ken  
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your  
 feel your sins for - giv'n; An - tic - i - pate your

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.  
 hearts re - joice; The hum - ble poor, be - lieve.  
 Sav - ior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.  
 heav'n be - low, And own that love is heav'n.

*\*May be omitted.*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Tune: AZMON, CM; Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## 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

“Psalm 146,” Poor Bishop Hooper.

## Service Texts

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