



TEACHING AND PREACHING, SIGNS AND WONDERS

The Season after the Epiphany

January 21, 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.

APPEARING LIVE

Jesus taught with his body, his presence, his voice. It is our responsibility to do the same, and we do it all year. In these weeks of January, we will hear from our leadership at the microphone about our presence, our voice, and our servant ministry in short reports of our “**outward signs**” of invisible grace 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 4, 2024. Today, Jane woods will report on Altar Guild and Tim Glatzer will recap the work of the Worship Committee.

THE SEAP;SON

“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 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 February 11.

SERVICE TEXTS

The Affirmation of Faith for Epiphany is written by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr, a United Methodist elder.

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United)
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Ron and Jane

Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece,
Coleman, and Bryce who are serving
in the military.

Ann and Don who reside in care
centers.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday: Lynda Ramier—22nd, Rusty McKeen—26th, Seth Fell—26th

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Bright And Morning Star,” Misha.

HYMN



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-



1. star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
2. man-ger-bed, There to bend the knee be-fore
3. rude and bare; So may we with ho-ly joy,
4. nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past,
5. at-ed light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,



1. Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious
2. Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore; So may we with
3. Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest
4. Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ev-er



1. Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to thee.
2. will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.
3. trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
5. may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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GATHERING

Christ is the fountain of life.

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.

PSALM 89:1-4

¹I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

²I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,

⁴I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations."

SONG OF RENEWAL



1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands, and
2. Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King. Take my lips and



let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im-pulse of Thy love.
let them be filled with messa - ges from thee, filled with messages from thee.

SCRIPTURE

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth.

Amen.

A reading from Mark.

After the reading

The Word of God, the light of life.

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 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.

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

AFFIRMATION

We stand.

We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved child of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering, dying,
and being raised from the dead
for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually pouring herself out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church.

This Spirit is our companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever-presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We may greet one another in the name of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise;
for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

MUSIC

“Oh Jah,” Leonard Jones.

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.
Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives.
Enlighten us that we may be your people, the body of the risen Christ,
the light of the world, set apart to serve this earth that you have made.
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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We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.
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 or only wine. 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

“God Who Spoke in the Beginning,” Fred Kaan Erik Routley.

“Just One Word,” Brian Taylor.

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 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, 2 and 4. There is no introduction.

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear,
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,

he whose Word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.
 well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near!
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing are the world's best plea - sures, all its bloat - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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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

“I Saw the Light,” The Lower Lights.