

# **TEACHING AND PREACHING, SIGNS AND WONDERS**

The Season after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024  
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 today. Today, Sue Woods will report on the Food Pantry, and Meg Nickles will report on First Stop.

# ANNUAL MEETING

St. John’s, like all churches, is a combination of contemplation, connection, culture and care. The **Annual Meeting** is a celebration of all this ministry. It is a time of reporting, accountability, and planning. We will elect a **Convention delegation, vestry members**, review the **spending plan**, and converse about our programs. This year, the **Thrift Shop is hosting lunch** preceding the meeting. Please come to learn about, and contribute to, our common life in 2024.

# 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 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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# MINISTERS

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Reader	Scott Larsen
Preacher	Rob Mason
Intercessor	Tim Glatzer
Music	Tom & Kathy Walker
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	Kasandra Fell
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Jen Litterer-Trevino
	Oscar Trevino
Communion Bread	Cynthia Garhart
Luncheon	Thrift Shop Volunteers

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee; Diocesan Staff;  
All Soul's, Kaycee

Nelson & Nancy; Carolyn & Family; Laurel & Rusty; Hugh B. & Marge; Hunter, Charlotte & Mike; Lee & Kelly; Richmond & Rich; Richard & Jennifer; Tim & Lynnae; Margie & Josey; Tim & Alex; Bobbi & Bentley; Bob & Charlotte Ann & Don who reside in care centers.	Mike G., Cynthia, Carra, Deb S., Rob R., Kathy E., Martha, Tammy, Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Irene, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece, Coleman, and Bryce who are serving in the military.
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# CELEBRATIONS

Birthday: Marnie Ann Tyra—6<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Larsen—7<sup>th</sup>, Miles Rumbolz—10<sup>th</sup>

# PRELUDE

“Light of a Clear Blue Morning,” The Wailin' Jennys.

# HYMN

Verses 1, 2, and 4



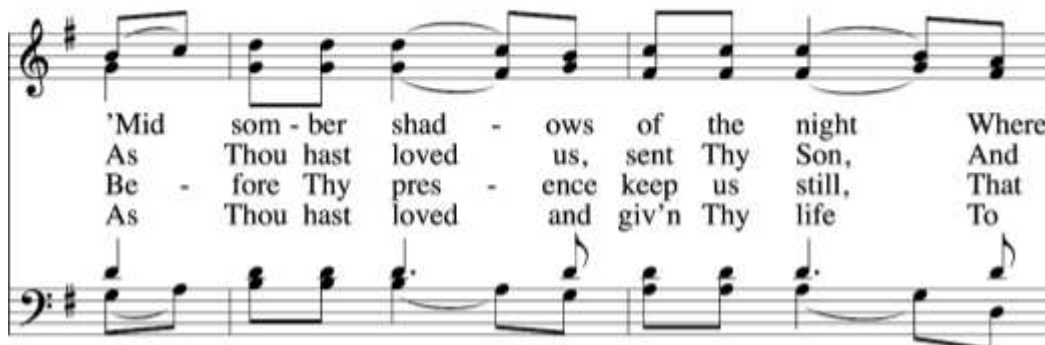
1. Re - new Thy church, her min - is - tries re - store;  
2. Teach us Thy Word, re - veal its truth di - vine;  
3. Teach us to pray, for Thou art ev - er near;  
4. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,



Both to serve and a - dore. Make her a - gain as  
On our path let it shine. Tell of Thy works, Thy  
Thy still voice let us hear. Our souls are rest - less  
Ev - 'ry - one, all man - kind. Break down old walls of



salt through - out the land, And as light from a stand.  
might - y acts of grace; From each page show Thy face.  
till they rest in Thee: This our glad des - ti - ny.  
prej - u - dice and hate; Leave us not to our fate.



'Mid som - ber shad - ows of the night Where  
As Thou hast loved us, sent Thy Son, And  
Be - fore Thy pres - ence keep us still, That  
As Thou hast loved and giv'n Thy life To

greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O send us forth with  
 our sal - va - tion now is won, O let our hearts with  
 we may find for us Thy will And seek Thy guid - ance  
 end hos - til - i - ty and strife, O share Thy grace from

pow'r en - dued:	Help us, Lord,	be re - newed!
love be stirred:	Help us, Lord,	know Thy Word!
ev - 'ry day:	Teach us, Lord,	how to pray!
heav'n a - bove:	Teach us, Lord,	how to love!

Text: Kenneth L. Cober, 1902-1993, © 1960, Kenneth Cober, renewed 1985, Judson Press  
 Tune: ALL IS WELL, 10 6 10 6 8 8 8 6; J. T. White's *Sacred Harp*

# 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.

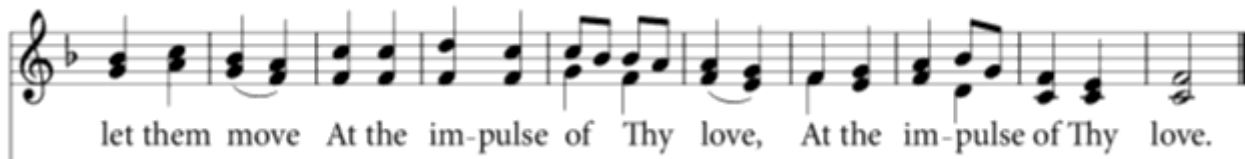
# PSALM 122

- <sup>1</sup> I was happy when the people said,  
“Let us go to the Lord’s Temple.”
- <sup>2</sup> **Here we are, standing at the gates of Jerusalem.**
- <sup>3</sup> This is New Jerusalem! The city has been rebuilt as one united city.
- <sup>4</sup> **This is where the tribes come, the tribes who belong to the Lord.**  
The people of Israel come here to praise the Lord’s name.
- <sup>5</sup> **The kings from David’s family put their thrones here.**  
They set up their thrones to judge the people.
- <sup>6</sup> **Pray for peace in Jerusalem:**  
“May those who love you find peace.
- <sup>7</sup> **May there be peace within your walls.**  
May there be safety in your great buildings.”
- <sup>8</sup> **For the good of my family and neighbors,**  
I pray that there will be peace here.
- <sup>9</sup> **For the good of the Temple of the Lord our God,**  
I pray that good things will happen to this city.

# 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**

“Light of the World is Jesus/Light of the World,” Phillip Bliss, George Elderkin.



# 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**

*“Creator of the Stars at Night,” John Mason Neale, translator.*

*“Be Not Afraid,” Robert J. Dufford.*

## **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



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

“Epiphany,” The Piano Guys.