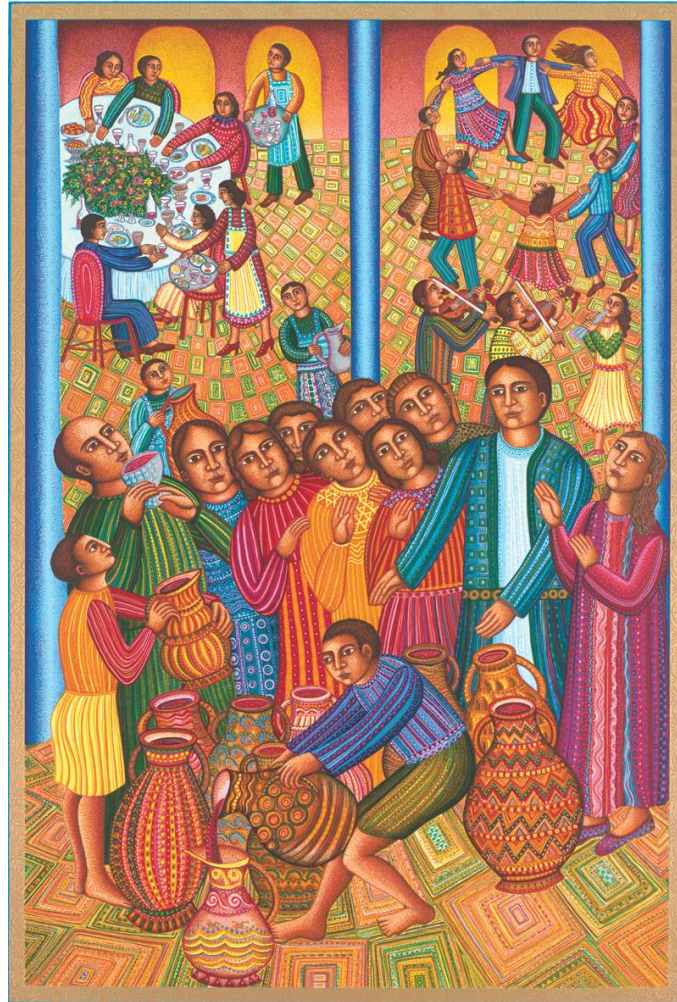

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 16, 2022

EPIPHANY

Epiphany (“manifestation” or “revelation”) is the third season of the church year and lasts until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles (represented by the magi) and reminds us that while Jesus was a Jew and spoke largely to Jewish crowds during his life on Earth, he came to bring peace and restoration to all people. If Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, then Epiphany is about the spread of the good news to the wider world. During this season we focus our lives on a world transformed by God’s incarnational presence in Jesus. The liturgical color is green, representing the green things of God's earth and referring to growth of the spirit of God within us in response to His coming at Christmas.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Meditation

Wold

+OPENING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Officiant Let us pray.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of musical notation, identical in structure to the first, with the same lyrics and musical notation.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system of musical notation, featuring a vocal line with lyrics: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me." The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of musical notation, identical in structure to the first, with the same lyrics and musical notation.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

THE PSALM *Psalm 36:5-10*

This psalm reflects the contrast between human ways and God's ways.

⁵Your love, O GOD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save all your creatures, O GOD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Today's reading begins a sequence of readings from this letter during the weeks after Epiphany. In chapters 12-14, Paul discusses spiritual gifts. The Corinthian community was torn by dissension over the nature, use, and apportionment of such gifts. Paul emphasizes that these are gifts of grace to all, not the personal or private possession of only certain people.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

The story of the wedding at Cana is full of hints of multiple meanings. It is an epiphany story, the first of the "signs" that manifest the power and presence of God in Jesus's acts.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffery

Canon for Congregational Vitality, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

WE RESPOND TO GOD

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY IN 2021

Officiant Today, we honor the joys and sorrows; the dreams and disappointments; and, the life and death that made us who we are as a community of light in the dark in 2021.

Delana B. For the words that gave us life; the songs that filled our souls; the prayers that honored our hurts; the confessions that made us think; and the silence that calmed our souls:
we thank you, O God, for peace in the storm.

Emily D. For the technology that kept us connected; the science that kept us safe; and, the creativity that enabled us to adapt;
we thank you, O God, for possibilities in the midst of challenges.

Debbie B. For children, whose wonder and trust inspired us; and, for youth, whose creativity, resilience, and dedication reveal a wisdom beyond their years;
we thank you, O God, for delight in the face of cynicism.

Cheryl W. For the bread of life that fed our famished souls; and, for the cup of renewal that we yearn to quench our thirsty spirits once more;
we thank you, O God, for abundance in the midst of scarcity.

Cami C. For those who gave up on God and whom God refused to abandon; and, for those whose questions and doubts kept us honest and true;
We thank you, O God, for authenticity in the face of superficiality.

Paula T. For the refusal to let exclusion, prejudice, and apathy define us;
We thank you, O God, for belonging in the face in the face of division.

Fern B. For those who we have commended in death to almighty God in death; for the tears we have shed in sorrow; and, for the solace of others;
We thank you, O God, for Easter hope in the face of Good Friday despair.

Ife F. For the tears that have been shed, the laughter that has spilled forth; the hope that has been dared; and the possibility that beckons us forward;
We thank you, O God, for new mornings in the midst of our longest nights.

Officiant God of endless love, we give thanks for all that was, and we look with expectant hope to what will be. Keep our eyes, hearts, and minds, ever fixed on you. **Amen.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, “Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.”

Intercessor

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Peter’s Church, Poolesville; Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, DC; St. Timothy’s Parish and Child Development Center, DC. We give thanks for the ministry and witness of Canon Jeffery; bless her with your peace and delight.
Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look and find you to be life and light
Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth and make us restless partners in your pursuit of the earth’s restoration.
Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity. May we be curious, not judgmental, in our interactions with each other.
Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.

Continue your loving kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those on our prayer list: **Gene, Joe, Tony, Pete, Donna, Emily, Deanna, Colleen, Sally, Donna, Diane, Harold, Jim, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Tom, Irene, Sarah, Barbara, Tim, Allen, Pat, Stan, Greg, Grace, and the families impacted by the recent tornadoes. Gene, Tony, Donna, Pete, Emily, Deanna, Colleen, Sally, Donna, Diane, Harold, Jim, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Tom, Irene, Sarah, Barbara, Pat, Stan, Greg, Grace, Jake, Bruce, and Nancy.**
Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.

Blessed Lord, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve us for life eternal. For the dearly departed, we pray for Thomas Carthens and Grace Headley.
Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we seek light.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud. The Officiant will add a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Therefore, let us confess our sins unto our merciful God.

Please allow a moment of silence for reflection.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE ARE STRENGTHENED FOR THE JOURNEY

HOLY THANKSGIVING

Officiant Though we are in different places, God's presence is with us making us One. Let us pray in gratitude and trust for the Spirit flowing through this gathering:

People God of Love, we thank you for bringing us together in this place, on this day to honor and to celebrate you and your People, the living, loving Body of Christ. Jesus told his disciples, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Bless this gathering as a sacramental rite, a visible sign of your love for us, and our love for one another. Even in the absence of the bread and the wine, may we find strength and grace for the journey with your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONE BLESSINGS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR AN ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE BLESSING

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Declaration

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Emily Dorosz, Gene Fornadley, Deanna Gerhart, Tony Hackley, Donna Maki, Colleen Meadows, Pete Shanklin, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Harold Edwards, Jim Fenton, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Irene Savoy, Sarah, Barbara T., Pat R., Stan B., Greg G., Grace H., Jake J., Bruce R., Nancy J.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Luke Smith

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's Church, Poolesville; Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, DC; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; St. Timothy's Parish, DC; and St. Timothy's Child Development Center, DC

Dearly Departed: Thomas Carthens, relative of a participant in our Morning Prayer Service; Grace Headley, aunt of Paula Truitte.

Community and World: For our country, especially the healthcare professionals, the unemployed, grocery store and transportation employees, firefighters, EMTs, police, teachers, and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, and the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good. To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as, When do I feel most alive? What do I love to do? What things, tasks, or actions fill me with a sense of purpose? What am I doing when time seems to stand still? These questions help us discern the Spirit's movement in our lives. Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness. When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is birthed. How or where is God calling you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Enlivening God, each morning I am awakened by your goodness nudging the earth to life. I am filled with wonder. Your steadfast love extends to the sky, your constancy reaches to the clouds. How precious is your steadfast love! It shines like the dawn, and dews the desolation of my soul. Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit that I may rejoice in you as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As evening falls and darkness shuts the day, do not forsake us, O God. Crown the sky with jewels of light that your salvation may burnish the heavens and illumine the earth, and all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING ENVELOPES

For those that requested giving envelopes, they will be available for pick up on the bench in the Welcome Center.

MIDWEEK PAUSE

Beginning this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. we will have a monthly Mid-Month Pause on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Similar to December's Advent Pause, we will take 30 minutes to exhale the stress, hustle, bustle, and worry we have accumulated so that we might then inhale peace and calm for the remainder of the month. Join us for a short reflection, doodling, music, and quiet. Following our pause, we will conclude with Compline.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday After the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 19

7:30 p.m. Midweek Pause and Bedtime Prayers

8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, January 22

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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