
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 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

Siciliano

Scarlatti

+OPENING HYMN

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

vv. 1,2

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu- vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl, Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 treble clef staff with lyrics: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me." The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

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 God of all mercy, your Son brought good news to the despairing, freedom to the oppressed and joy to the sad; fill us with your spirit that the people of our day may see in us his likeness and glorify your name. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

THE PSALM *Psalm 19*

The psalm celebrates God's revelation, expressed generally in creation and especially in the Jewish law.

¹The heavens declare your glory, O GOD, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷Your law, O GOD, is perfect and revives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸**Your statutes of the are just and rejoice the heart; ***
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; *
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold,**
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can tell how often he offends? ***
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O GOD, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The image of the community as a body was a common one in Paul's day. The Romans used it as a metaphor for the state. Paul uses the image to show that every Christian is necessary to the body and needs the help of others.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

For Luke, Jesus's ministry begins at the direction of the Spirit (4:14). Jesus's inaugural sermon in his hometown synagogue sets forth the whole meaning of Jesus's preaching and life. The liberation he brings is an actual physical liberation as well as one of spiritual forgiveness. He proclaims the "acceptable year of the Lord" (v. 19), the Jubilee year of liberation from debt and slavery and of return to the family. This passage stands as a link between the Hebrew Bible and the work of Christ and the Church.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maria Kane

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Living for Jesus

Peterson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed, the Church's central statement of faith, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th century in response to controversies about Jesus' divinity. The Latin root of the phrase "we believe" (credo) means to "give one's heart." The creed is our way of affirming to the foundation to which we orient our hearts and lives. The term "apostolic" refers to the historic succession of the apostles (original leaders of the early church) through our bishops. The term "catholic" refers to the universal church throughout the world.

Officiant Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:
All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant
God of prophets and apostles, you call us to restore that which is broken and to proclaim your vision of a world made new. Create in us new hearts and strong voices as we pray
God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

Intercessor

We pray for those who have been anointed or chosen as leaders of people, that they may attend to the voices of their people and be guided by you.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for pastors and teachers of the church, that they may faithfully interpret your Word for others. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Church, Baden and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco; St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek; St. Paul's Church, K Street; St. Paul's Church, Piney; the upcoming Diocesan Convention, Bishop Budde, Diocesan Convention Officers, and Clerical and Lay Delegates.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who are poor and in need of assistance, and for ourselves, that we may open our hearts to their cries for help.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who are the captives of war and the victims of violence; may we bring them good news both in word and deed.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those with physical challenges and spiritual struggles; make us agents of healing and hope. We pray for those on our prayer list: **Gene, Tony, Jim, Donna, Pete, Emily, Deanna, Colleen, Wendy, Sally, Donna, Diane, Harold, Jim, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Tom, Irene, Sarah, Barbara, Pat, Stan, Greg, Grace, Bruce, Nancy, Jake, Noah, Joseph and Gabby.**

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who are oppressed by powers beyond their control; give us courage to work to set them free.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who are born today and those who will die today, and for Joanne Ayala and Bill Perrine.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

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

THE CLOSING HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

vv. 1-3

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord is King

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Gene Fornadley, Tony Hackley, Jim Hunter, Donna Maki, Pete Shanklin, for heavy burdened nurses: Emily Dorosz, Deanna Gerhart, Colleen Meadows, Wendy VanHoosier; 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., Bruce R., Nancy J., Jake J., Noah S., Joseph D., Gabby D.

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. Paul's Church, Baden and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco; St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek; St. Paul's Church, K Street; St. Paul's Church, Piney; Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Diocesan Convention Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates, (January 29)

Dearly Departed: Joanne Ayala, mother of Paula Truitte's nephew; Bill Perrine, brother of Diane Coon

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: rjscfield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

The Old Testament “year of jubilee” to which Jesus refers in his first sermon—what some have called his “mission statement”—was a time set aside every fifty years to forgive financial debt and redistribute the land among the people. Why do you think God envisioned a year of jubilee, and what might that look like in our world today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this new day. Help me to stay attentive to your creation and mindful of your teachings as I travel through it. Empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace for all people. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for all the ways that I saw your glory and learned your teachings, beyond speech and words, in the course of this day. As I drift to sleep this night, draw me closer to you, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING ENVELOPES

For those that requested giving envelopes, they will be available for pick up on the bench in the Welcome Center. PLEASE NOTE: Please do not use last year's envelopes as the numbers have been reassigned.

MID-MONTH PAUSE

We will have a monthly Mid-Month Pause on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flower dedication dates available: February 6 & 20. For the remainder of the year, the sign up sheet and forms will be available in the Welcome Center upon the return to in-person worship. The cost is \$40. If you would like to sign up for February 6 or 20, please contact the office. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday After the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Sacred Ground

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, January 29

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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