

THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION

17 January 2021

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”

1. Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

3. Longing for food,
many are hungry.
Longing for water,
many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.

Refrain

5. Many the gifts,
many the people,
many the hearts that
yearn to belong.
let us be servants
to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

2. Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

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Refrain

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Spirited (refrain)

Our God of love will host the cel - e - bra - tion, And has called us to

share the feast, Our God of love will host the cel - e - bra - tion, And has called us to

(verses)

share the feast. 1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, all peo - ple are in - vit - ed, From

2. God calls us to part - ti - ci - pate com - plete - ly, And

north and south, from west and east, God pro - vides the

meets us with God's grac - ious care, We're to come, in

(repeat refrain)

sup - per set be - fore us, and sup - plies ev - ry - thing we'll need:

joy - ful ce - le - bra - tion, to this feast we are called to share:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us into your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Psalm 139: You Are There”

Ralph Nelson, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond.

This marks the beginning of Samuel’s prophetic ministry.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SING

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Your Word is a lamp, a lamp un - to my
 feet, Your Word is a light, a light up - on my path: Al - le -
 - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

In John’s gospel, Jesus’ ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip’s friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

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CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Aaron Couch

HYMN OF THE DAY “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

1. Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit’s call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive’s liberty,
good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God’s pow’r will make us strong.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Led by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition...

Assistant: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

SETTING THE TABLE



Farms and fields and gar - dens, Filled with gold - en grain,
Orch - ards, vine - yards yield - ing Fruits of your de - sign.

In the bread You've gi - ven, We live in Your reign. We re -
Signs of your a - bun - dance, In this bread and wine.

turn to You, God, gifts you have gi - ven, Know - ing that you love us,

Know - ing we're for - giv - en, Know - ing we're for - giv - en.

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Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**People: receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal, unite us as your body, shining with the light of your
justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all....
...To you be honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

READ

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. The body of Christ is given for us.
The blood of Christ is shed for us.

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

**People: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.
Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the light of Jesus Christ fill your hearts and illumine your path.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empower'd us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. You are light for the world.

People: Thanks be to God.