

The Season of Epiphany
7th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 20, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

As we journey through Epiphany, may the Gospel of light illuminate our lives and all the days of our living.

We light our Christ Candle because in Jesus Christ lies the hope of all the ages: the assurance that God is with us to turn our tears into joy, our mourning into laughter.

The best of all is God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

In the homes, let labour cease.

In the streets, let there be peace.

In the church, let music ring.

In each heart, let praises sing.

We gather to worship God.

Opening Hymn: God, We Praise You For the Morning

(Voices United 415, vs. 1 - 4)

Words, Jim Strathdee and Jean Strathdee, 1984

Music, Jim Strathdee

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1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.

3 God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Reflection: "I Will Not Hate"

Hymn of the Day: Come, Let Us Sing

(Voices United 222, vs. 1, 3 and 4)

Words: Jim Strathdee 1976

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1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: To Show by Touch and Word (Voices United 427)

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Music: Ron Klusmeier 1974

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- 1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.
- 2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.
- 3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

Benediction

Let us go from this service knowing that we are blessed:
blessed with a love that knows no bounds;
blessed with a community that welcomes all;
blessed with a hopefulness;

blessed with a quest and passion for justice
for all God's people and God's creation.
Know the presence of God.
Have the presence of God.
Be the presence of God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Bill Cantelon

Music Leader – Elaine Zandee

Musicians – Joe Bradley, Stephen Godfrey, John Hobbs, Blyth Hughes,

Kate Insley and Doug Thompson

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reading – Melanie Styles

Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Bill Walker

Flowers for the service are offered by Margaret and David Chambers

in celebration of the lives of their parents,

Julia and Ivan Derk and Dorothy and Harold Chambers.