

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

Introit **Come All You People** (More Voices 2)

Please stand in body or spirit.

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Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come now and worship the Lord. *Repeat*

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music **Mary, Did You Know**
by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, arranged by Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship

The wise men came from afar, following a star.

**We come to Worship,
and the star sheds light on our lives.**

The wise brought gifts to offer The Child.

We too bring gifts – ourselves, our hopes, and our dreams.

The Shepherds and the wise, the lowly and the mighty.

All are welcome at the manger. Amen.

Opening Hymn **In the Darkness Shines the Splendour**
(Voices United 92)

*Words: Bernadette Gasslein 1992, alt.; Music: Henry John Gauntlett 1849;
harm. Arthur Henry Mann 1919*

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- 1 In the darkness shines the splendour
of the Word who took our flesh,
welcoming, in love's surrender,
death's dark shadow at his crèche.
Bearing every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.
- 2 Light of nations, veiled in history,
born of woman's flesh and blood,
calling to the depths of mystery
restless hearts that seek the good.
Healing every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.
- 3 Broken bread, sustaining us in sorrow,
wine poured out to toast our joy;
exodus and new tomorrow,
life's full promise to enjoy!
Gladdening every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.

4 All God's people, sing in jubilation
of the birth that sets us free,
telling of the revelation:
Jesus, God's epiphany.
Celebrate the human story!
Word made flesh reveals our glory.

Morning Prayer

Anthem Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

*Words and music by Adger M. Pace & R. Fisher Boye
arranged by David L. Brunner*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Reflection

Hymn of the Day **Will You Come and See the Light** (Voices United 96)

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1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed
there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least
are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Invitation to Offering

**As word of his birth is spread and shared,
many seek to bring and offer gifts.
May we, like the wise, worship him
and offer our treasures. Amen.**

Choral Response **Give Thanks**

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Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offering Prayer

**God of Light, we bring our gifts,
practical and spiritual, praying others
may experience your presence in the world.
May God's compassion, love and mercy
be there for all in need.
In Christ's name. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **I Am the Light of the World!** (Voices United 87)

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Refrain 'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

- 1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: *Refrain*
- 2 To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! *Refrain*
- 3 To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! *Refrain*

- 4 To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude The March of the Three Kings

arranged by Stewart Landon, based on a 13th Century French carol

Worship Leader – Rev. Wilda Cottam
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Carol-Ann and David Staples
Scripture Reading – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine

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