

The Season of Epiphany
(4th Sunday after The Epiphany)
January 30, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus Christ is the light that shines in the shadows of life, who bursts like sunshine through clouds of sadness, whose presence changes gloom into gladness.

We light our Christ Candle rejoicing that the presence of God is with us this morning.

Call to Worship

Come to this time of worship,
ready to settle into the presence of God.

Ready yourself to offer praise and thanksgiving.

Be open to receive the wisdom of God's living word.

Come into this time of worship, greeted by Psalm 71:

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

*Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.*

*For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.*

*Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.*

My praise is continually of you.

Come! Let us settle into the presence of God,
our rock and our fortress.

Opening Hymn: A Light is Gleaming (Voices United 82, vs. 1 & 4)

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Refrain A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. *Refrain*

4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here a sparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. *Refrain*

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Jeremiah 1:4-10

Christian Scripture (New Testament): I Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Hymn of the Day: Creator God You Gave Us Life (More Voices 27)

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1 Creator God you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.

2 In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. *Refrain*

3 When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. *Refrain*

Reflection: The Rebel Christ

Prayers for Others & Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Take up His Song (More Voices 213)

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1 Take up his song of peace
and go into the world
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace,
lay them down and take up his song.

2 Take up his song of hope
and go into the world
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in hope,
lay them down and take up his song.

3 Take up his song of faith
and go into the world
Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in faith,
lay them down and take up his song.

4 Take up his song of love
and go into the world
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in love,
lay them down and take up his song.

Benediction

As living members of the holy body of Christ,
may we see the face of the Holy One in everyone we meet.
And may we hear God's holy word in every sound and voice we hear.
Go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Bill Cantelon and Nancy Walker

Music Leader – James Yi

Vocalists – Margaret Bates and Blyth Hughes

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reading – Stephen Godfrey

Technical Support – Karen Clark, Sascha Enns and Bill Walker

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