The Season of Epiphany



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 30, 2022 St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, arr. Burleigh emma hadley, soprano

Refrain:

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, Nobody knows but Jesus, Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, Glory hallelujah!

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down.
Oh yes, Lord!
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground;
Oh yes, Lord!
Refrain

If you get there before I do, Oh yes, Lord! Tell all my friends I'm coming too, Oh yes, Lord! Refrain

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #577 God is love

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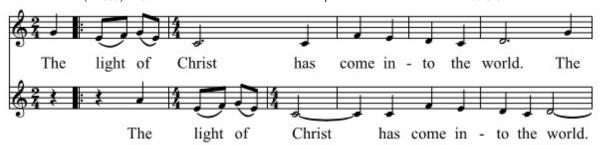
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. **People:** Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

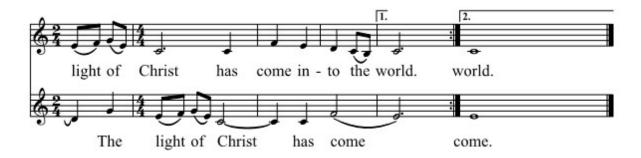
All pray together

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.

Song of Praise: Gloria - My Heart Sings Out #80 The Light of Christ

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Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us all pray together:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; **incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

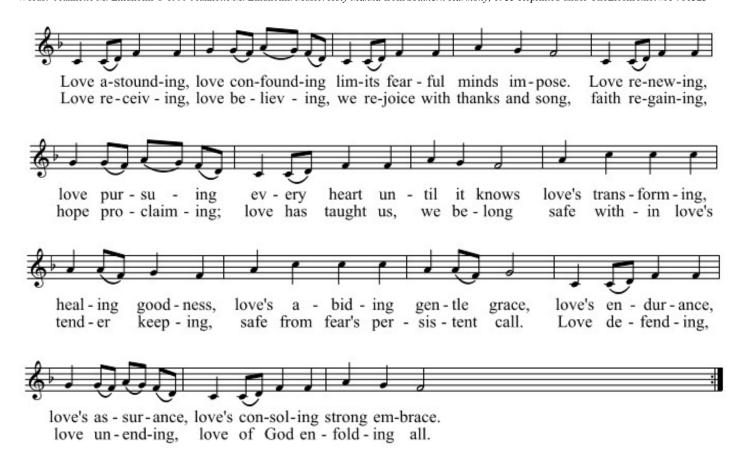
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;

from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

my praise shall be always of you.

Gospel Hymn: Voices Found # 143 Love astounding, love confounding

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

We Believe in God



The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the coming of the One who brings the light of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, the sun and moon, stars and galaxies shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray saying, O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, that we may embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray, saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, though we divide ourselves by country and language, religion and race, still your light shines on all people. That we may act in ways that reconcile rather than divide, and that we may look for the places your light shines rather than focus on the darkness, we pray, saying, **0** God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, your love and care shines into our lives, calling us to act as your hands and heart in the places we live. In a time where justice and respect can be hard to find, help us work on behalf of your justice and live more fully into your call to respect the dignity of every human being, we pray, saving, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. May we be your willing hands and feet, carrying the gifts of your love and light to those in need. We pray for those who are homeless, for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, and for those whose lives have been devastated by gun violence. We pray also for those who are sick and those who are suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal, so that where you are, there we will be also. For all those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your presence, we pray, saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those remembering birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience. For all that we have and all that we are, we give thanks to you, saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

O God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and all of the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who brings your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

All pray together God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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Offertory Hymn: Gather # 526 Peace is Flowing Like a River, verses 1, 3-5



Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, Flow-ing out through you and me;



Flow-ing out in-to the des - ert, Set-ting all the cap-tives free.

- 3. Faith is flowing like a river
- 4. Hope is flowing like a river
- 5. Love is flowing like a river

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

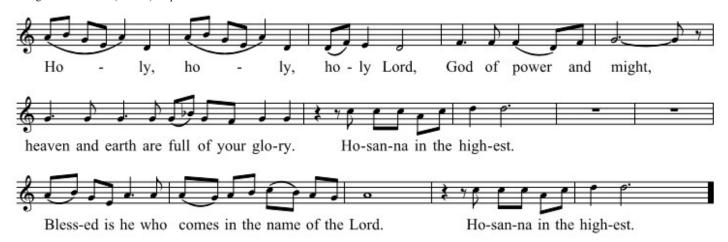
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S128

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Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son Jesus.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore, according to his command O God,

We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we pray,

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. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

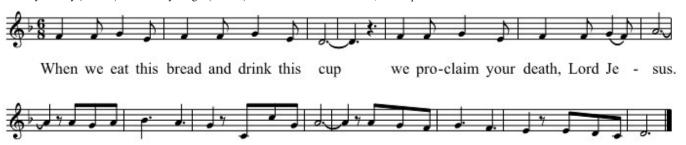
Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 May We Be One

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So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

Communion Anthem: The Gift of Love, arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of all inspire And have not love, my words are vain as brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.

O come, spirit, come, let inward love, Let love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship, we are freed. Amen

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 606 Where true charity and love

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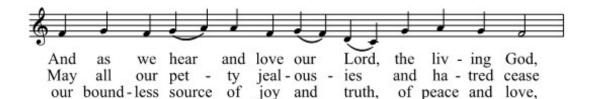
Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him-self is there.

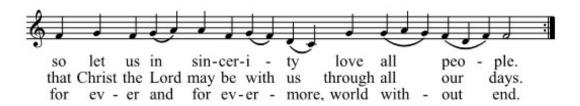


Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy, As we are all of one bo - dy, when we ga - ther Now we pray that with the bles - sed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways, let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness. to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,





The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;

May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

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vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart. pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love. till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Holy Manna*, attributed to William B. Moore (1790-1850), arr. Victor Labenske (b. 1963)