

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 2024
10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book
which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back
of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel
(stained glass window area.)*

We want to honor and respect your privacy.

*As you enter the church, please feel free to go to the terra cotta containers in the Narthex to bedeck
yourself with borrowed finery—a Mardi Gras mask or beads.*

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are pleased you have chosen to join us for worship during this Epiphany season.

The major themes and images of the Epiphany season are readily apparent. The reading for the day of Epiphany clearly marks it as a celebration of light, with the prophet Isaiah singing out: “Arise, shine for your light has come!” It is a time for rejoicing in the light that shines in our darkness, the light that reveals both our sin and the one who comes to forgive. The word *Epiphania* in the Greek means to unveil, unwrap or to show forth. Indeed for a world that many times is cloaked in darkness, unwrapping the light that is seen in Christ is vital to life itself.

That light which began to unfold at the celebrations of the Nativity and the Day of the Epiphany now continue at the Baptism of Jesus and meanders through the early ministry, and then finally in a great burst at the Sunday of the Transfiguration. Throughout the Sundays we are reminded of the power found in the waters of baptism and how we are called “Beloved” of God. It is at the baptismal font we are immersed in the light of God’s love and forgiveness. It is also at the font that we are commissioned and called to be active participants in the mission and ministry of Christ in the world.

You will notice that the images of light and water are prevalent in our worship space and corporate worship throughout these weeks. We invite you to open your eyes and see the various ways we try to not only depict but celebrate our baptismal calling and consecrate ourselves to the Lord’s mission in the world. What we are trying to hold up during this season can be summed up this way: “Through Baptism God has made us members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.”

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Prelude: “The Second Line”
“Bill Bailey”

*Bill Sinegal
Hughie Cannon*

Welcome and Announcements

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a a través de Cristo.*

Sacred Silence

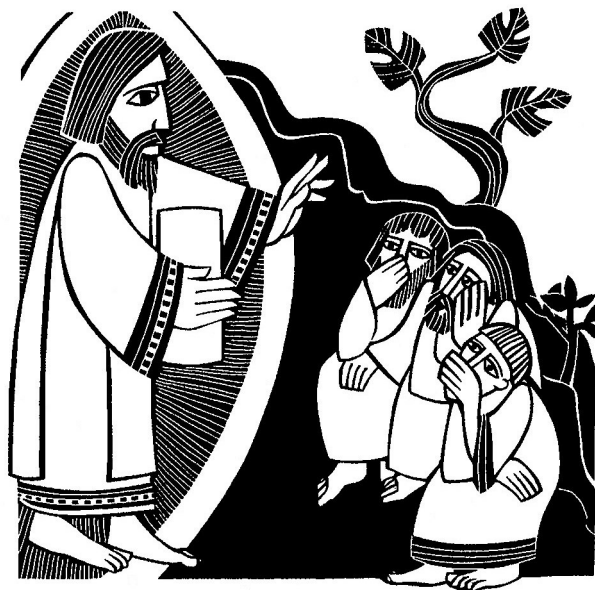
At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit:
People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**



Gathering Song: "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Siyahamba, South African



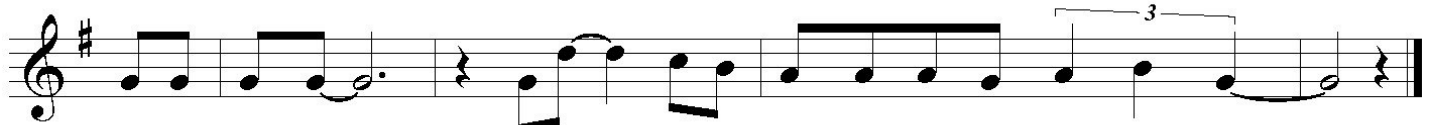
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 We are mov - ing in the power of God, we are mov - ing in the power of God
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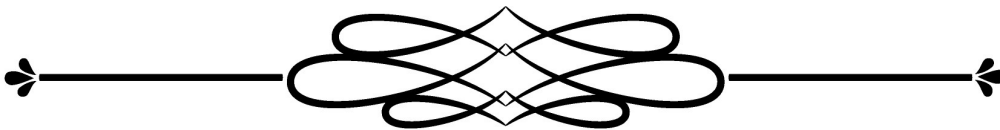
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Gathering Song: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick



Lord the light of your love is shin - ing
Lord I come to your awe - some pres - cence
As we gaze on your re - gal bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing
from the shad - ows in - to your rad - iance
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness



Je - sus light of the world shine up - on us,
By the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry



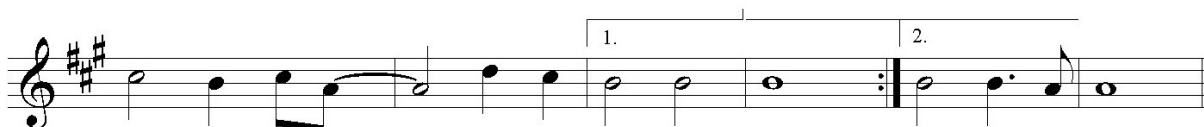
set us free by the truth You now bring us
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness
mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry



Shine on me! Shine on me!



Shine Je - sus shine! fill this land with the Fath - er's glo - ry
Flow, riv - er flow! flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy



Blaze Spir - it blaze set our hearts on fire!
send forth your word Lord and let there be light!

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Water is poured into the baptismal font as the following is said:

The Baptismal Covenant

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the waters he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**


Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**


The congregation is sprinkled with Holy water as a sign of cleansing and renewal.

Hymn of Praise: "Gloria"

S. Chard



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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Cantor Lamb of God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All Sing **REFRAIN**

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

All Sing **REFRAIN**

Cantor For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All Sing **REFRAIN**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the Epiphany Star and attend Children's Chapel. The children will return after the Peace for Communion.

The Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me

what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

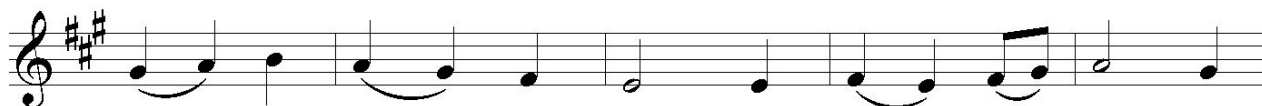
Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

Text: *Jason Mason Megle*
 Tune: *Wareham*



O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 O Fa - ther, with thee e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around,

they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Gospel Response: "Alleluia" *Jerry Sinclair*

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

Sermon The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Sacred Silence

During this time we invite you to reflect, meditate pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand.

Prayer Song: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" *Taizé Community*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and list-en to me.

Prayers of the People

Presider With boldness, let us pray for the people of the earth upon whom the light of Christ shines with grace and mercy.

Intercessor God of awe and mystery, show yourself plainly to all congregations who seek your spiritual direction, especially Emmanuel, Shawnee, St. Andrew's, Mission Church, Tacuarembó, Uruguay, that their search would be complete as they behold the wonders of your love. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of grace, your people long to see a glimpse of your face and to hear your voice speak plainly. Bless the leaders of the church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop, Joseph and James our priests, Mary Ann our deacon, and all who minister in your name, with wisdom to direct people to your saving glory. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of the nations, we pray for the nations and regions of the world clouded by violence and social strife. Give insight to all those who hold positions of public trust, especially Joe our President, Kevin our governor, and David our Mayor, that through their efforts, they will help to transfigure darkness of injustice into the splendid light of hope and tranquility. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of wellness and health, look with mercy on those whose lives are overshadowed by illness and infirmity, from depression and grief. Show the light of your countenance upon their situation, and give them peace in mind, body, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For those with medical and other concerns: *Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Bill Landis, Reggie Eging, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Jaime Mizaal Fuentes, Rachel, Eric, Sean Acol, Damian Wiles, Melvin Jones, Luz Estrada, Sebastian Weaver, John Muran, Sr., Lois Muran, Priscilla, Jack Stephens, Patty, Patrick Hays, Jonathon and Alyse, Faith, Evelyn Wehr, Sharon and Don Bole, Neil Ray, Ricky and Eta Womack, Whitney Mayfield, Dobi, Rusty, Cathy, Lee, Pamela, Steve Gilman, Deyanira Gudino, Melissa Nelson, Lazaro Gudino, Antonia Dueñaz, Susan, John, Edward, William, Matt, Ms. Sanders and Daughters, Jan, Viola-Cleo Bradshaw, Cordelia Vogel, Amanda Yoder, London Golson, Nelson Family, Pamela Riley, Jenny Westerhoff, Antonia Dueñaz, Cason Montgomery, Sherry Ziska, Lizardo Gudino, Alan Bruce Bradshaw, Jhana Maya Bradshaw, Randy Birchall, Sara Cedillo Guerrero, Cordella Inge Vogel, Nancy Van Horn, Isabel Mora, Daniel & Charlene Spears, Lula Hernandez, Sergio Lopez, Naomi Gudiño, James Quinn.*

Intercessor God of providence, place your sheltering hand over those men and women who serve our country in the Armed Forces, and are separated from their loved ones. Provide your comfort and love to them, and to their family members and friends at home. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For those in the military: Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Intercessor God of blessings, we rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially *Sandra Gonzalez, Aidan Gudiño, Jim Frogge, Valerie Lewis, Jim Snelling, Tina Payne and Tina Thompson*, and pray that they are mindful of the riches of this life. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of light, as we bask in the splendor of worship, we give thanks for those who are joining with us for the first time (especially . . .). We pray that all experience this community as a place where the Gospel brings illumination and Christ's supper is a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of continuity, teach us to value our days, and keep us in communion with those whose earthly lives have come to an end. Help us to follow Christ in faithful trust through death to the glorious transfiguration of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Hear our spoken and silent prayers, O God of light, and reveal yourself to us, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The congregation may share the peace until the bell sounds.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

During the Offering in Song, please sign the Canterbury Connection Card in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the offering basket.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.

Offering in Song: "Down by the Riverside"

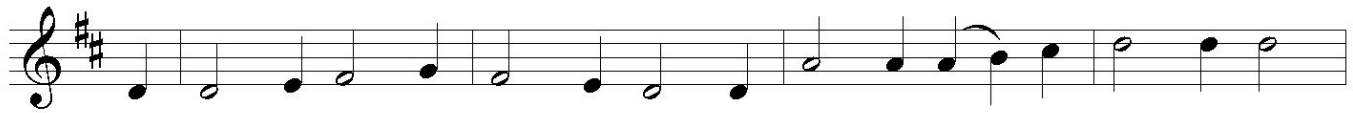
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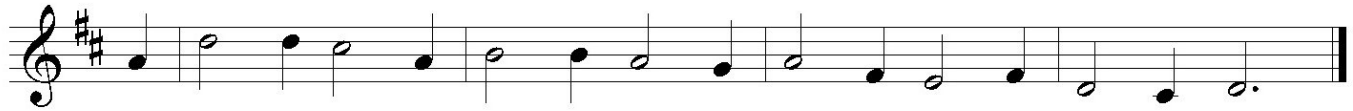
The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation Song: "To God the Father, Heavenly Light"

Puer nobis



To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, - re - vealed in earth - ly night;



to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our end - less and un - ceas - ing praise.

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 to proclaim the glory of your name.



Please stand or kneel
Eucharistic Prayer B

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Epiphany Eucharistic Bread and Wine

*It has been said that the best way to experience the richness of a culture is through its food. Every Sunday, we have an opportunity to gather around the Lord's table & partake in the sumptuous feast that he has prepared. We do so in the context of an ever growing multi-cultural & ethnically diverse congregation. Epiphany is a time when we bask in the light & lift up the message of Christ being revealed & shared among all nations. During this season, we will have an opportunity to partake in bread & wine from the seven continents. This week, we celebrate the continent of Africa with bread from Morocco and a Chenin Blanc from South Africa. Come enjoy and experience the diversity of cultures, which is a gift from God.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to receive bread only or wine from the common cup, do not receive a napkin, but approach the priest with cupped hands.

*To drink from the cup, please consume the bread and help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips.
Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.*

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Altar Prayer

After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Prayer Corner

After receiving Communion, please feel free to go to one of the two "Prayer Corners" for a time of personal prayer and reflection. Remember to also pick up your se shell as a remembrance of your baptism.

Communion Meditation: "From the Inside Out"
"Wayfarin Stranger"

*Hillsong
African Folk Song*

Communion Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Ev’ry-where I go, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Even when I’m afraid, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine! (3x)

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “When the Saints Go Marching In”

African American Spiritual

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service,
so that we may get to know you.*

The altar flowers are given by The Ginsburg Family in honor of Cindy Ginsburg’s birthday.

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries or who have other special prayer needs
to gather in the side chapel after the service.*

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday February 11, 2024, at 10:45 A.M. - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Presider: The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Deacon: The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Andrews, Jay Kyte, and Sara Kyte

Acolytes: Brandon Narvaiz, Jaxon Mack and Mason Narvaiz

Lector: Valerie Hall

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard, and Sarah Hunsucker

Organist and Pianist: Patrick Hayes

Guest Musicians: “The Fifth Street Strutters” - Directed by Jeff Kidwell; Adam Bailey (Trumpet), Jeron Fishburn (Sax and Clarinet), Mason Longey (Trombone) Kap Hon (Piano), Jeff Kidwell (Tuba), Kyle Broadbooks (Drums)

Oblation Bearers: Aurora Bocanegra and José Hinojosa

Greeters: Jim and Vicki Snelling and Lauri Reeg

Altar Guild: Jan Pope and Gil Haas

Usher: Rick Inselman

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

During Lent, we are reminded by Ash Wednesday’s gospel that we are in a time of prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Surprising to some, page 17 of our Book of Common Prayer designates Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as “Fasts”, while the weekdays of Lent and Holy Week, (except the Annunciation on March 25) are considered “Days of Special Devotion” requiring “special acts of discipline and self-denial”. No specific rules are provided. The original fast preceding Easter lasted two days. Later in the Western church, the thirty-six days of Lent were punctuated by Sunday feasting - continuing the resurrection celebration even during Lent. Forty days of Lenten fasting was begun in the 7th century when the four days from Ash Wednesday to the first Sunday in Lent were added. Initially, fasting was strict with only one meal a day towards evening. Meat, eggs, and fish were forbidden. Beginning in the 4th century, the hour for breaking the fast was moved to 3 PM and later back to noon. The exact manner of a person’s fast is an individual one. The important point is to set aside this Lenten time in a special and personal way.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 PM

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