

*Liturgy*

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING

*Let It Rise*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the praises of the King rise among us;  
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the joy of the King rise among us;  
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

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Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the Heavens,  
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
Your judgments are like the great deep;  
O LORD, You preserve man and beast.**

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of men take refuge  
in the shadow of Your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of Your house,  
And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.  
For with You is the fountain of life;  
in Your light we see light.**

Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,  
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart!

– Psalm 36:5-10

*Highest*

Your love, O Lord, is like the oceans:  
Deeper than endless seas.  
Your faithfulness is like the mountains,  
And Your Word never fails.

Glory to God, let every heart sing:  
Glory to God in the highest.

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*LECTIONARY for the second Sunday  
after the Epiphany, Year C:*

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

*Psalm 36:5-10*

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

*John 2:1-11*

*During the season of Epiphany, the third season of the liturgical year, the Church focuses on the revelation of Christ to the world. Having spent the four weeks of Advent in eager anticipation of Christ's coming, and the twelve days of Christmastide celebrating the wonder and importance of His birth, we now turn our attention to the Person and Work of Jesus in His incarnation here on earth. And we look, with renewed thanksgiving and amazement, at His deeds and the revelation of God's heart for the world He created.*

*While the word epiphany literally means "manifestation," or "appearing," in our everyday lives we most often think of an epiphany as an "aha moment"—an insight into something beyond the ordinary, and always with momentous meaning and significance for our lives. On this second Sunday after the day of Epiphany, we focus on Jesus' first public miracle. When Jesus turned water into wine, John's gospel tells us, He "manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him."*

*Each of the texts in today's lectionary invite us to consider some aspect of the relationship between light, the revelation of God's character and goodness, and His glory. What can we learn from them about walking in the light of the glory of Christ, who is Himself the Light of the World?*

*How Great Is our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

*Chorus*

How great is our God, sing with me: How great is our God;  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:  
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.  
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

*Bridge*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

You're the name above all names;  
You're worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing how great is our God.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving for God's presence

*Bow Down*

Bow down before the Lord,  
Worship Him, O worship Him.  
Bow down before our God,  
Enter in, O enter in.  
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,  
His awesome presence fills this room.  
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We give thanks with joy to the Father,  
who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.  
*For He has rescued us from the domain of darkness,  
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*  
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
*In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through Him and for Him.*  
He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.  
*For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of His cross.*  
**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:  
Christ in us, the hope of glory.  
Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O send out Your light and Your truth;

**Let them lead us, and bring us to Your dwelling places.**

Take away from us the guilt of our sin;

**Then our tongues shall joyfully sing of Your righteousness.**

– from Psalm 43:3-4

[Silence]

Almighty and merciful God, we confess  
that we have sinned against You and one another,  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,  
yet too often we choose to walk in shadows  
and ignore the light.

**Gracious God, forgive our sins  
and remove from us the veil of darkness  
that can so easily shroud our lives.  
Empower us to live in Your light  
and to walk in Your ways,  
for the sake of Him who is the light of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### *Send Out Your Light*

Send out Your light, Lord,  
Send out Your truth;  
Send them that they may guide us.  
Lord, may they bring us  
Into Your courts,  
To the heart of Your dwelling places.

Send out Your light, Lord,  
Send out Your truth;  
Send them that they may guide us.  
Come, and restore us,  
Lord God of Hosts;  
Make Your face shine upon us, That we may be saved.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen carefully, brothers and sisters in Christ –  
This is the amazing message of hope we have heard from Him  
and declare to you:

God is light;  
in Him there is no darkness at all.

*If we walk in the light, as He is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.*

– 1 John 1:5, 7

*This prayer of confession and repentance is adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (Morning Prayer, rite two) and the beginning of the traditional Collect for the second Sunday after the Epiphany.*

*Music for Send Out Your Light is available in the Psalm Settings section of the music catalog as a lead sheet, scored for voice and piano accompaniment, and arranged for 2-part and 3-part harmony. This beautiful sung prayer expressing the heart's cry for God's presence can be used throughout the year, but is especially meaningful during the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.*

*Here is the link:*

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/send-out-your-light>

*You can hear Send Out Your Light in the Audio Media Studio. It is also available for viewing in the Video Library:*

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/content/video-media-video-clips-index>

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*Glory Be To God*

To You we bring our hymn of praise:

Glory be to God.

Hearts and hands together raised:

Glory be to God.

Who spoke before the dawn of time:

Glory be to God.

Veil of darkness torn by light:

Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings:

“Glory be to God!”

Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed:

“Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints:

Glory be to God.

And opened wide the kingdom gates:

Glory be to God.

You overcame the sting of death:

Glory be to God.

And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness:

Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim:

“Glory be to God!”

Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain:

“Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever.

(repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son:

Glory be to God.

Who was, and is, and is to come:

Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings:

“Glory be to God!”

Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed:

“Glory be to God!”

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim:

“Glory be to God!”

Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain:

“Glory be to God!”

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THE WORD

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

*The Lord's Prayer* (spoken)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

*Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:*

This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Refrain*

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873. Hymn tune: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.

*King of Wisdom and Light*

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:  
Heaven is filled with Your glory,  
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You, God Most High;  
We worship You, We praise You,  
King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*How Great Is our God (chorus)*

How great is our God, sing with me: How great is our God;  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

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Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world:  
Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table,  
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,  
that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Foolish people too often dare to complain against their Creator, not only when they lack something, but also when they have plenty. When something isn't given to them, they complain. And when they have certain things in abundance, they are ungrateful. ... Let us rejoice in whatever gifts He gives. Those who have used great possessions well should also use small ones well. For plenty and scarcity may be equally good for us. Even in spiritual progress we won't be discouraged by small results if our minds aren't dry and barren. For what the earth doesn't give must spring from the soil of our heart. Those who don't stop giving will always be supplied with the means to give. We must use what each year gives us in godly works. Difficult seasons must not hinder our Christian generosity. For the Lord knows how to replenish the widow's jars, which her holy hospitality emptied. He knows how to turn water into wine. He knows how to satisfy 5,000 hungry persons with a few loaves. And the One we feed through His poor people can multiply what He takes of what He gave us.”

– Leo I

**Lectionary for next week:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

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*The closing words of prayer and blessing are adapted as a benediction from the traditional prayer for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany (the Book of Common Prayer). A useful and user-friendly resource is The (Online) Book of Common Prayer [www.bcponline.org].*