

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sat. Jan. 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Jan. 14, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude Partita on “O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright” *Michael Burkhardt*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *LSB 411*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

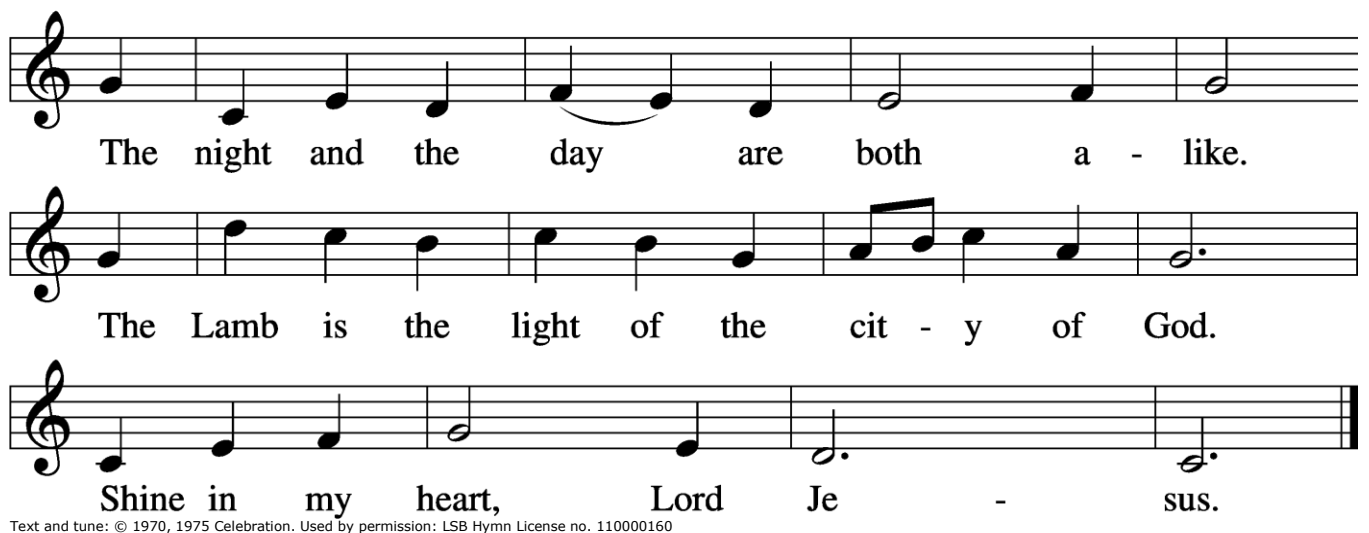


The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

* Opening Sentences

Psalms 139:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:9

Leader: O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Leader: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

All: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Leader: Speak, LORD,

All: for Your servant hears.

* Confession and Absolution

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise *LSB 394*



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

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* Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

I Samuel 3:1–10 *NIV*

The Lord calls Samuel.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1st Samuel.

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Corinthians 6:12–20 *NIV*

God's call to flee from immorality.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 6th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

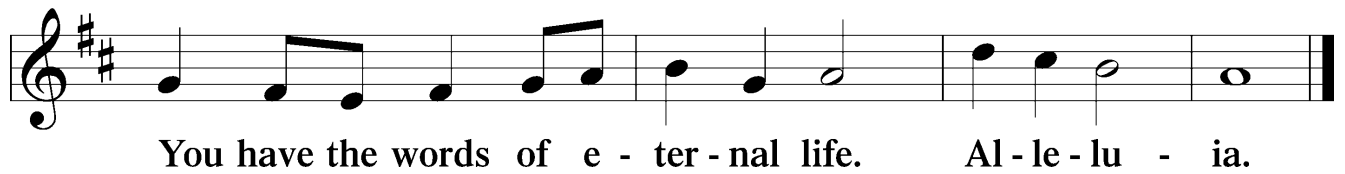
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

* Alleluia and Verse





* Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51 NIV

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

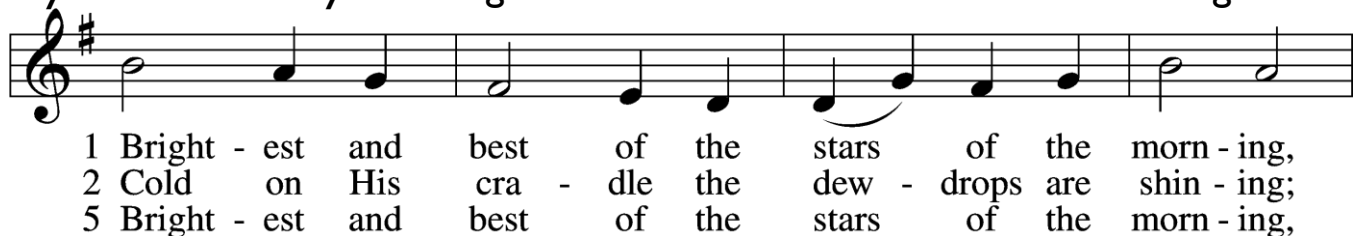
Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning LSB400



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

* Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,
 his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body
 and the life everlasting. Amen

Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.

* Offertory

“Create In Me”



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

* Prayer of the Church

Hebrews 1:1-2

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to
our fathers by the prophets,

All: but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

Leader: As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us
speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and
all people according to their needs. We praise You,
heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit.
As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us
to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity.
Softening the hearts and opening the minds of all people, that
they may know You have called them as Your own in
grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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
 forever and ever. Amen

* Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

The People That in Darkness Sat *LSB 412*



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 △ 6 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Thine a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er art And

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, one, And Ho - ly Spir - it, one.

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Postlude

March from "Scipio" *G.F. Handel*