February 2, 2025 – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Livestream Liturgy



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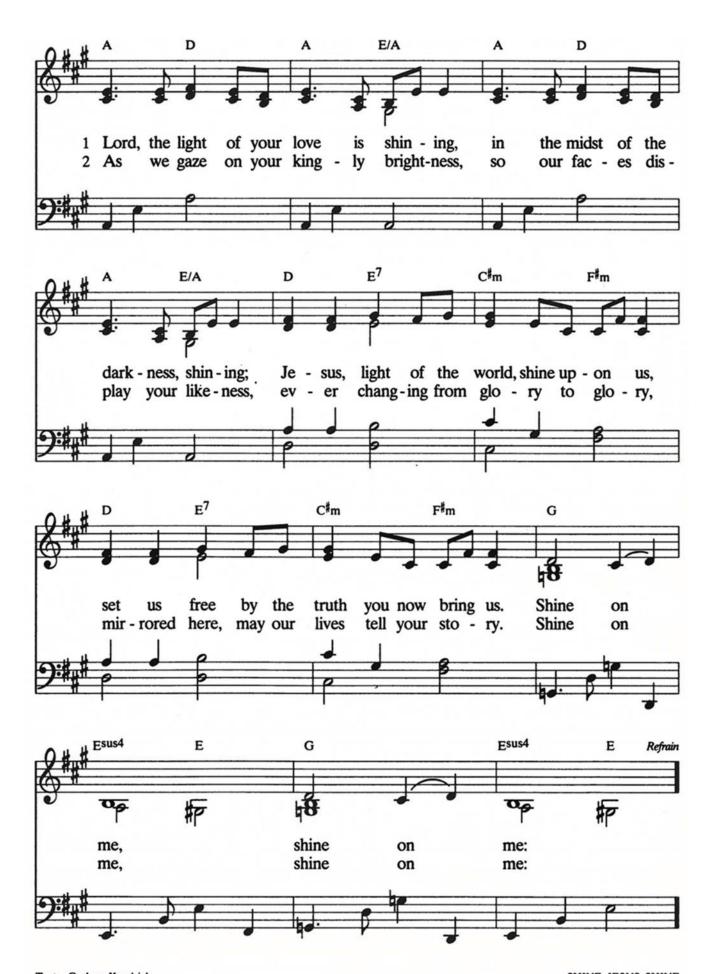
+++THE GATHERING +++

Prelude: Here I Am to Worship - arr. James Koerts

Greetings & Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

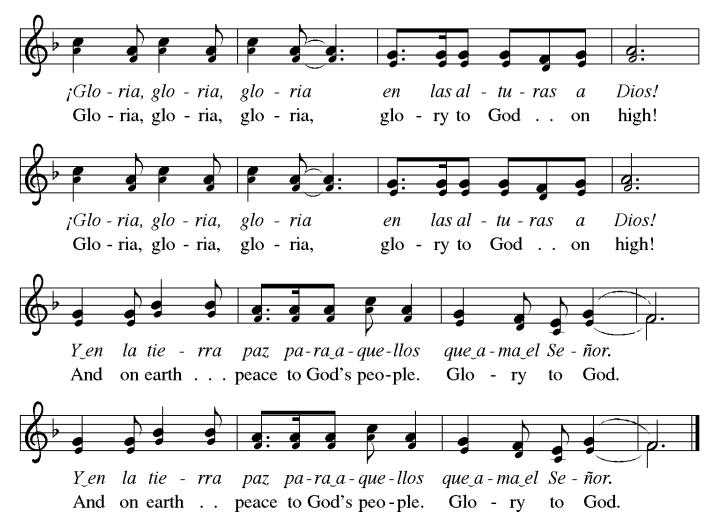




Text: Graham Kendrick Music: Graham Kendrick SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 99101033 and refrain

- P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



- P) Let us pray ... Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C) Amen.

+++THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +++

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

- *R)* The Word of the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6 (Read responsively by whole verse)

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

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.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

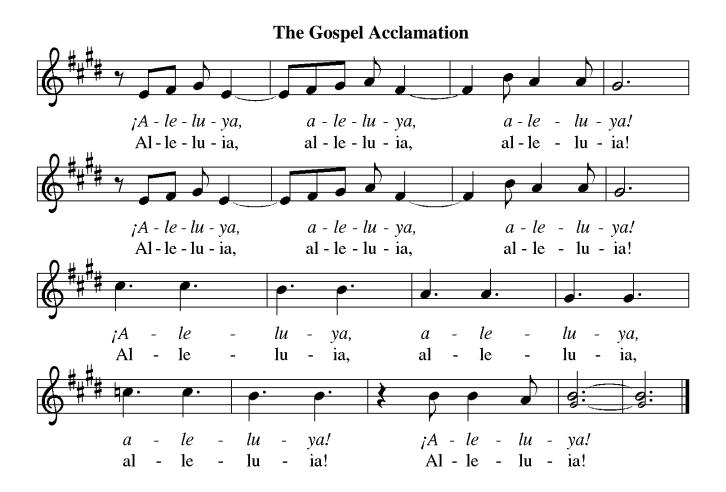
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am

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.

- *R)* The Word of the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God.



- *P)* The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 4th Chapter.
- C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Then Jesus began to say to [the people in the synagogue in 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.

- *P)* The Gospel of the Lord.
- C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: "One Bread, One Body"



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, st

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Apostles' Creed

C) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 into hell.

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition concludes:

- P) Lord, in your mercy,
- C) Hear our prayer.
- P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.
- P) As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P) Strong and faithful God,
- C) we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world.

We have closed our hearts to your love.

We have resisted your light.

We have failed to proclaim your mercy.

Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone,

heal us with your abundant grace,

and help us walk as children of the light.

Amen.

- P) In the mercy of God, Jesus came into the world to save and forgive us. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C) And also with you.

The Offering

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The Offertory

In Christ Alone - arr. Tom Fettke

Offertory Prayer

- P) Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
- C) And also with you.
- P) Lift up your hearts.
- C) We lift them to the Lord.
- P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

P) Blessed are you, Gracious heavenly Father: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful Word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and these gifts of bread and wine,

that, refreshed with this heavenly food,

we may be light for the world,

revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

C) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C) Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafters are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words: *The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

Music During Communion

God of Wonders - arr. James Koerts

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

- P) Let us pray... God of light, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this supper we have feasted on your grace. Send us forth into the world to be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.

The Benediction

- P) God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.
- C) Amen.

Closing Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Special thanks to the Rev. Cindy Baskin for preaching and leading worship this morning!

Please also join us on:
Saturday, February 8
Saturday Worship @ 5:00 pm (in-person only)

Sunday, February 9
Worship @ 10:00 am
(in-person & <u>live stream on Facebook</u>)
Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Food for Thought: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. (*1 Corinthians 13:4*)

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings
Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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