



Epiphany 2 Yr C – 16th January 2022

(Leader: *Ron* / Greeter: *David*)

Welcome:

Greeting:

On this second Sunday in Epiphany
May the light of the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light,
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

Listen to what our God says:
Even before you were born, I have been
with you.

My love for you is beyond time.

Fill us with your love.

Equip us for your work.

I have given you a song of praise.

I will teach you a new melody.

Fill us with your music.

Equip us to sing your harmonies.

You are my faithful children.

I offer you all that you need
to do the work given you.

Fill us with your Spirit.

**Equip us to share your love with the
world.**

Even before you were born, I have been
with you.

My love for you is beyond time.

Fill us with your light.

**Equip us to share your light in the
world**

Opening Prayer:

Loving God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.

Our prayers are in your heart
even before they are on our lips.
And yet we must utter our prayers.
We must proclaim our praise of you
and all your wondrous creation.
Your love surrounds us
and you have promised to be with us always.
You know our hearts' desire is to serve you.
We pray that you will keep us true to that desire.
We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen

Song:

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful God,
you call us to be your light
but sometimes we are more comfortable
in the darkness.

You call us to be your servants,
but we worry that we lack the skills
to do your work.

You put a new song of praise in our mouths,
but we stumble on unfamiliar words;

you show us the work to be tackled,
but we turn away,
insisting we have more important things to do.

Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,
and remind us of the joy that awaits us
when we put our trust in you.

Guide us into the light
of your unwavering, never-ending,
and grace-filled love.

Amen

Words of assurance:

God is faithful and ever-present.
The God who knew us before our birth
loves us still and strengthens us.
Through the gift of Jesus Christ,
God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.
Enter into the light!

Hear then Christ's words of grace to us:
"Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

Song:

Moment for the young at heart: Brian Our Love grows

Bible Readings: Emma?

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,^[a]
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;^[b]
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,^[c]

and your land Married;^[d]
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder^[e] marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris Longfoot

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Kaye?

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

Giving thanks: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

Thank you, God of grace, for all the gifts you give us.
Help us to be gracious givers
in response to all that you have given us.
Use these gifts, here today, to be your light in the world
Amen.

Song:

Benediction & Blessing:

May God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you
and affirm you as God's beloved ones.

3-fold-amen

Pastoral Prayers: Kim

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