**Nativity Worships Epiphany 2**

**January 19, 2025**

**The Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding, Presiding**

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| Prelude  | *The Call* | R. Vaughan Williams |
| Opening | We are all one in mission | WLP 778 |
| Gradual | Come my Way, my Truth, my Life (vv 1,2 before v. 3 after) | H 487 |
| Offertory     | How wondrous and great | H 533 |
| Communion  | Let all mortal flesh keep silence | H 324 |
| Closing | Christ for the world we sing! (vv 1, 2, 4) | H 537 |
| Postlude | Hymn to Love | Tune *The Sacred Harp* |

## The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Old Testament: 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.

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.

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

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

## The Psalm 36:5-10 Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; \*
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, \*
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## The New Testament 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## The Gospel John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 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 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." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**The Prayers**

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul’s, Oakland; St. Paul’s, Burlingame; St. Paul’s, San Rafael; and St. Paul’s, Walnut Creek, whose feast day is The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (January 25).

We pray for our parish members: Members: Jamie, Nancy B, Nina A, Marian, Norma, Duane, Amanda, Ruth, Steve K, Dick, Barbara B, Uwe and our families and friends: Myles, David, John, Violet & John, B. Y., Justin, John B, Laura, Tanner, Phil, Greg, Nick and Phoebe. We pray also for all those impacted by the fires in Los Angeles.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially Bill Shepherd, Lisa and Fr. Michael Hiller and those who have died in the wars in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan and those who have died in the fires in Los Angeles.

**Announcements**
Join us for our Annual Meeting on February 2nd. In addition to our potluck lunch, reflections and celebrations on our year past and plans (and election of Vestry members) for our year ahead, we will celebrate Candlemas with a blessing of the altar candles (and candles for your homes).  February 8th, we’ll have a Vestry Retreat. Please consider joining the vestry. Maybe you have been on vestry before either at Nativity or somewhere else. Or maybe you don’t know what’s entailed, but you would like to get more involved in shaping the future of our church. It’s a wonderful group of people and our work together is really prayer-filled and lifegiving. I hope you will consider joining us this year. Reach out to Senior Warden, Kim Bromley or Rev. Kirsten.Today’s Seasonal Bulletin for Epiphany uses the Eucharistic prayer from the Scottish Episcopal Church prayer book. On Sunday January 26th, we’ll have a discussion about the Eucharistic prayer at 11:30. Listen carefully today and next week and we’ll talk about what’s different about this prayer and how it might open us to new understandings of the Eucharist.

We will with thanksgiving receive offerings of **Nativity pledges and plate** today. You can contribute by sending a check to the church or by using the “Give” button on our website, [www.nativityonthehill.org](http://www.nativityonthehill.org).

All who participate in this Holy Eucharist virtually receive the full benefits of the sacrament by coming with the intention of being united with Christ and one another.