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Season of Epiphany

January 15, 2023 9:30 am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Time (9:30am)

Gathering Hymn

“Arise, Your Light Has Come” (Vs. 2, 3, 4)

ELW #314

2. Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3. Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Call to Worship

L: Come and see!

C: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

L: Come and see!

C: We come to taste and see that the Lord is good.

L: Come and see!

C: We come to follow Jesus.

L: Come and see!

C: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

L: Come and see!

C: Yes, Lord, we come to follow you!

Confession

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is held for personal reflection)

L: Faithful God,

**C: you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;
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 defiant, insisting we have more important
things to do. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love.
Amen.**

L: God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

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¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"He Came Down" (Vs. 2)

ELW #253

He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light
Hallelujah forever more!

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.'³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.'³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?'³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time (8am)

Hymn of the Day

"Lamb of God"

ELW #336

1. Your only son, no sin to hide
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2. Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

3. I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

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Sermon

Offertory

Prayer for Offering

L: O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of the star he was shown forth to all nations;

In the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son,

And in the miracle of the water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

We praise your name and join your unending hymn.

Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 light for the world to see

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ be our light!
 Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.
 Make us your building, sheltering others,
 Walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.
 Let us be servants to one another,
 signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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Communion Blessing

Benediction and Sending

L: As we leave this place, remember: God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name, now sends you out into the world— to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair.

May the God of hope fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we will:

Celebrate

C: Grace

L: Make

C: Disciples

L: Make

C: A Difference

L: Because

C: We are All Saints - All the Time! Amen

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: Kathleen Thomerson

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L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Accompanist: Chris Starr

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WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

We are glad you chose to worship at All Saints today. We hope you find the worship service meaningful and that you feel at home with our congregation. If you want to learn more about All Saints or are looking to be connected, visit www.allsaintsnyc.org or contact one of our staff:

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The Week Ahead:

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| Sun | Jan 15 | Worship and Communion at 8:00 & 9:30 am 9:30 am Sunday School Age 3 - Grade 5 10:15 am Contemporary Worship Team rehearsal |
| Tue | Jan 17 | 8:30 am Coffee Hour Bible Study 10:00 am Crafters Group 6:30 pm Church Council |
| Wed | Jan 18 | 3:00 pm WOW 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation Large Group No All Saints Choir |
| Thurs | Jan 19 | 12:00 pm Men's Lunch at Midtown 7:00 pm AA |
| Sun | Jan 22 | Worship at 8:00 & 9:30 am with Contemporary Worship Team 9:30 am Sunday School Age 3 - Grade 5 |

All Saints is teaming up with **Fare For All** to fight hunger in Minnesota! Fare For All is a program where everyone and anyone can shop for fresh, quality, and affordable groceries. Fare For All buys fresh produce and frozen meat from bulk wholesalers and growers, bundles them into \$10-\$30 packages, and distributes them at pop-up sites around the cities.



The result is nutritious food, up to 40% off retail price, in a time when families are struggling to make ends meet and in a place where there is little access to groceries. It is written in Isaiah 58:10, "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness". This is a great opportunity for us to shine our light into the darkness, feed the hungry, and provide a great service to those in need in our backyard.

All Saints will join 30+ sites in the Twin Cities and Greater MN area for the year 2023. Our first sale will be Feb 2nd from 3-5pm. There will be a sign up for volunteers. More information can be found at:

<https://www.thefoodgroupmn.org/groceries/fare-for-all/>

Opportunities to Serve

We would like to fully staffed with volunteers on Sunday mornings with regard to ushering, assisting communion, serving fellowship and reading lessons. Our monthly serving schedules are available online through Signup.com. Go to our website www.allsaintsnya.org to volunteer or you can sign up at the Welcome Center.



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