

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3–9a

³ “Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and
you take no knowledge of it?”
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your
own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on
high.
⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under
him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own
flesh?
⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up
speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear
guard.
^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I
am.’”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the

Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love
him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20

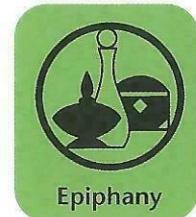
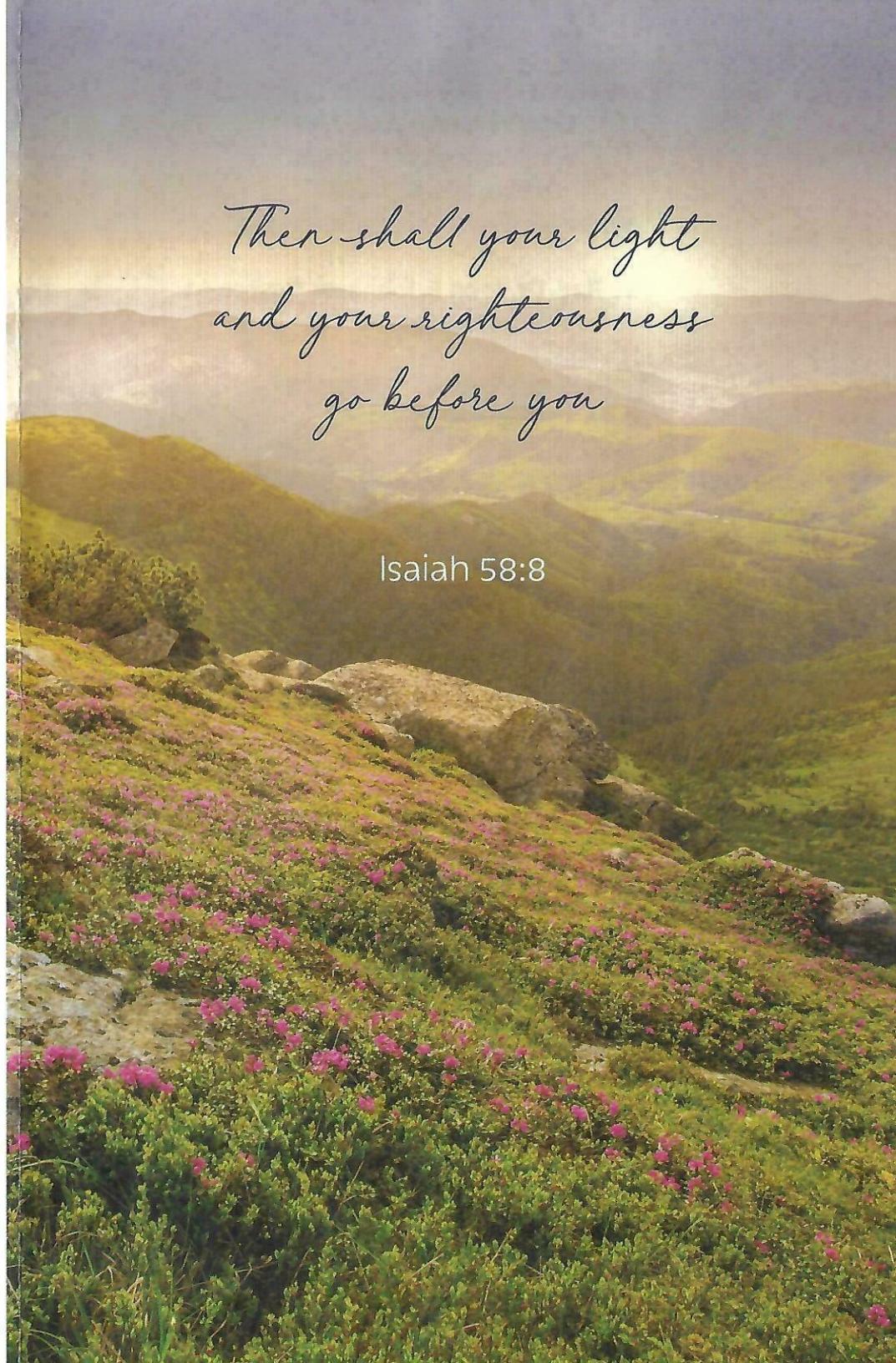
¹³ [Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Then shall your light
and your righteousness
go before you*

Isaiah 58:8



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THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 8, 2026

Hymn . . . [INSERT] – “O JESUS, KING OF GLORY” (Tune #442)
Invocation

EPIPHANY RESPONSIVE

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Lift up your eyes and look around:

All gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your sun will never set again.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Your moon will wane no more.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Your days of sorrow will end.

The Lord is the strength of our life; whom shall we fear?

Confession & Forgiveness

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God the Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

And You will forgive the iniquity of my sin.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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. Amen.

Psalm of the Day . . . PSALM 112:1-9

Collect of the Day

The Lessons

The Gospel

The Apostles Creed [Back inside cover of the hymnal]

Hymn . . . [Insert] – When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known” (Tune #344).

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of God’s People

The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn “Go My Children, With My Blessing” #922

Announcements

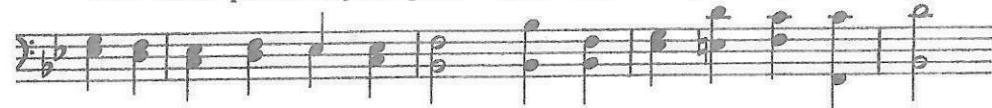
O Jesus, King of Glory



1 O Je - sus, King of glo - ry, Both Da - vid's Lord and son!
 2 The east - ern sa - ges, kneel - ing, Their rich - est trib - utes bring,
 3 You are a might - y mon - arch, As by your Word is told,
 4 Yet you are decked with beau - ty, With rays of glo - rious light;



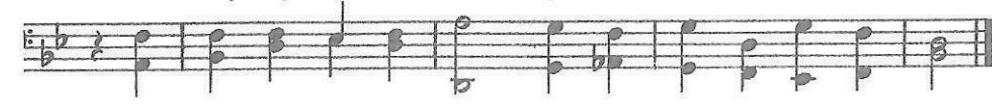
Your realm en - dures for - ev - er, In heav - en is your throne.
 Where wit - ness - ing your glo - ry, They wor - ship you, their King.
 Yet you care ver - y lit - tle For earth - ly goods or gold;
 Your works pro - claim your good - ness, And all your ways are right.



Help that in earth's do - min - ions, From pole to earth - est pole,
 To you the star is point - ing, The sure pro - phet - ic Word;
 You come not proud - ly rid - ing, You seek no great re - noun,
 O Lord, pro - tect your peo - ple With your al - might - y arm



Your reign may spread sal - va - tion To each be - night-ed soul.
 So joy - ous - ly we hail you: Our Sav - ior and our Lord!
 You dwell in no high cas - tle, You wear no jew - eled crown.
 That they may dwell in safe - ty From those who mean them harm.



When Christ's
Appearing Was Made Known

1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King Her - od
 2 The east - em sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter

trem - bled for his throne; But he who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on his guid - ing star; By light their way to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That he, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it

birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod, And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.

5 For this his glad epiphany
 All glory unto Jesus be,
 Whom with the Father we adore,
 And Holy Ghost forevermore.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____
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Texts _____

Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

What Response Does God Want? _____
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