

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

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

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

⁶Yet 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.
⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of
God, which God decreed before the ages for our
glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood
this, for if they had, they would not have cruci-
fied the Lord of glory. ⁹But, 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”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through
the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything,
even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a
person's thoughts except the spirit of that per-
son, which is in him? So also no one compre-
hends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of
God. ¹²Now 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. ¹⁵Nor do people
light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a
stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In
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. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore 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. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteous-
ness 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



Epiphany

About the Cover: Like rays of light stretching out over the horizon,
the Lord promises that repentance and sincerity will be met with a
new dawn filled with righteousness, healing, and the Lord's protection.
Jesus has entered into the darkness of our sin through His death on the
cross, but the break of a new day came on the first Easter morning to
show us that He lives to bring us His righteousness, healing, and pro-
tection.

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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

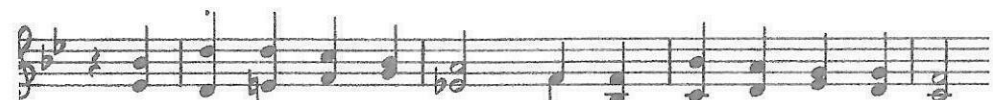
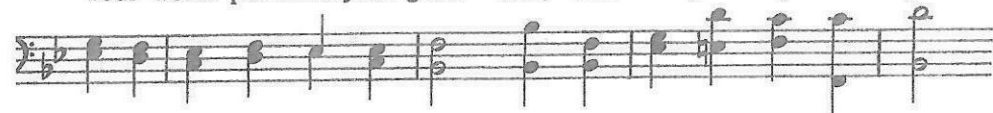
O Jesus, King of Glory



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.



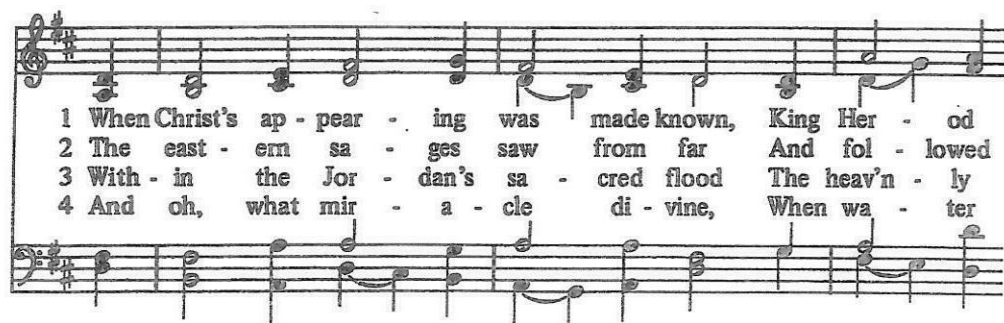
Help that in earth's do - min - ions, From pole to farth - est pole,
 To you the star is point - ing, The sure pro - phet - ic Word;
 You come not proud - ly rid - ing, You seek no great re - nown,
 O Lord, pro - tect your peo - ple With your al - might - y arm



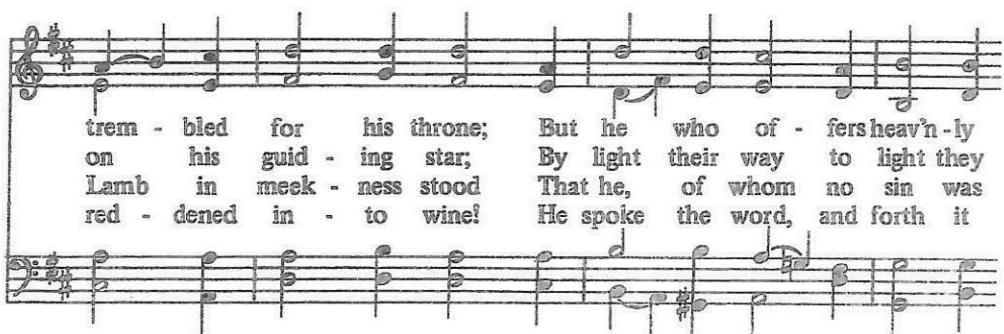
Your reign may spread sal - va - tion To each be - night - ed soul.
 So joy - ous - ly we hail you: Our Sav - ior and our Lord!
 You dwell in no high cas - tle, You wear no jew - eled crown.
 That they may dwell in safe - ty From those who mean them harm.



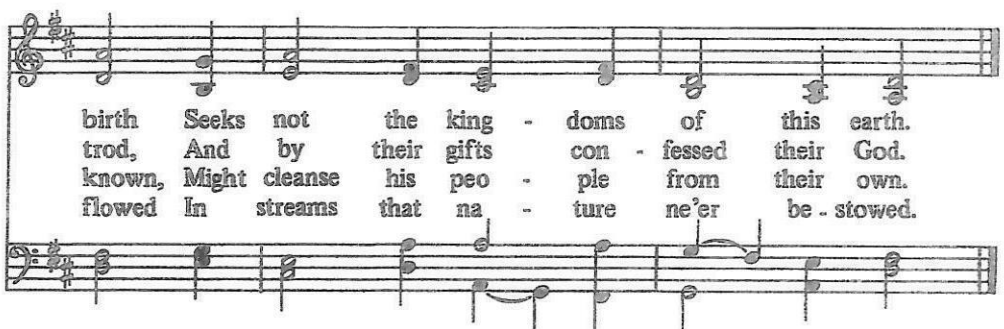
When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known



1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King Her - od
2 The east - ern 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 _____

Texts _____

Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

What Response Does God Want? _____
