

Liturgy for Christmas & Epiphany

Evening Prayers

Mondays thru Saturdays

Fourth Presbyterian Church ~ South Boston

6:00 pm GATHERING (A time for connecting meditation)

6:10 pm OPENING SENTENCES

One: We gather in the Light that was before, is now and ever will be.

ALL: We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.

One: We gather in the Light that is God's continuing gift.

ALL: We live into the Light's new wisdom.

One: We gather in the Light that is our own, emerging anew each day.

ALL: We seek to share this wisdom, nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.

One: Gather us and let the Light call us to new ways of healing and hope, restoration and renewal.

POINTED EPIPHANY PRAYER (Carol Penner

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God of grace, thank you for every epiphany that will happen this season

for every one who drops a weapon because there are no enemies

for every one who breathes in the scent of cedar and is cleansed

for every one who drops that heavy bundle of resentment

for every one who is guided by generations yet unborn

for every one who is contented at the end of a journey

for every one who falls on their knees before a baby

for every one who senses the webs that connect us

for every one who follows a sign from heaven

for every one who remembers to give gifts

for every one who is bowled over by love

for every one who recognizes the holy

for every one who dances with joy

for every one who says a prayer

for all with stars in their eyes

For Jesus' sake

We pray

Amen

SONG

READING & REFLECTION

COMMUNITY PRAYER (a time for shared prayer)

PASTORAL PRAYER.....concluding with.....

God of endless light, you sent a star....rising from the darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Light, who taught us to pray this prayer.....

LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Walk in the Light, the beautiful Light. Come let the dew drops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the Light of the world.

BENEDICTION & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Songs for Epiphany

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine....

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine....

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (136)

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (192)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

WALK IN THE LIGHT

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
She binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

Refrain: Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
Her light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light. (Refrain)

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT (Taizé)

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
In God I trust, in God I trust. (Repeat)

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