



SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 22nd January
Third Sunday After Epiphany



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty and eternal God,
look in mercy on our weakness,
and stretch out your mighty hand
to help and protect us.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCE: MATTHEW 4:19

*“Come. Follow me,” Jesus said.
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INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

**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.**

**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.**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance; By Your blood
I may enter Your brightness. Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.**

**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. 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.**

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CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

PSALM 27: 1, 4-9

*¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation –
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

*⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*

*⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

*⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, LORD, I will seek.

*⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Saviour.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.**

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for Christ's light to shine on us.

[silence]

**Thank you, Jesus,
for coming as the light for the world.
Shine into our darkness, so that we see God's love,
and follow in the way you show us.
For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 People who have lived in darkness have seen a great light (NIVUK)

⁹ [a] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan – ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 An appeal to avoid factions (NIVUK)

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, [a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and

thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas^[b]'; still another, 'I follow Christ.' ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.'

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
*Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom
and cured every disease and sickness among the people.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: : Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus begins his work- light has dawned (NIVUK)

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned.'^[a] ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to

preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

*Lord Jesus, the light of the world,
thank you for calling us to be your disciples.*

Help us to follow you faithfully

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast':

I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live':

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him. .

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

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SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon,
or Read and Discuss the Sermon

For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))

The Sermon online may be different to the manuscript.

For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

Christ Be Our Light

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.

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

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice:**

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

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

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

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth,
many are cold. Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone:**

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

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come:**

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

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Thank you, saving God,
for all the good things you have given us,
especially for your Son, the light for the world.*

*Teach us to live in his light,
remaining in harmony with one another
and reaching out in love to others.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus is here to receive our prayers and make them holy and acceptable to our heavenly Father, so let us pray to him.

Lord Jesus Christ, We thank you for so graciously addressing us, and for all that you've done to bring forgiveness and new life to us. Forgive us our many sins, purify our lives, and help us to hear your call us to follow you in faith-filled repentance and devotion.

Christ, be our Light: **shine in the church, shine in the world.**

We pray for this land of Australia. Thank you for the abundant blessings you shower on us here. Graciously protect us from fire and flood, from war and disease, from famine and strife, and from every kind of disaster. Draw all Australians into the radiance of your light, so that we may properly care for and use the resources of this wonderful country.

Christ, be our Light: **shine in the church, shine in the world.**

Thank you for the blessings of good government and civil peace. We commend to you our King, Charles III, our Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and our Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk. Help all in government and positions of responsibility to maintain honesty and truth, justice and peace. Give our leaders wisdom and compassion in policy regarding refugees. Draw us into the radiance of your light, so that we may be obedient to proper authority.

Christ, be our Light: **shine in the church, shine in the world.**

Support all people in their proper vocation, dear Lord, and help all those who are unemployed. Bless our arts and culture, our science and technology. Draw us all into the radiance of your light, so that we may each give faithful service to you in our various callings.

Christ, be our Light: **shine in the church, shine in the world.**

We pray for the churches in Australia. Keep your people true to your word, regular in the use of the means of grace, and genuine in repentance and renewal. Where there is error correct it, and bring the churches to unity in you. Draw us into the radiance of your light, so that we may give a clear witness to you in this land.

Christ, be our Light: **shine in the church, shine in the world.**

Have mercy, Lord, on those suffering in shadows of darkness and caught in the traps of sin and death. Shine on them with your grace and peace. Give health and strength to all we know to be in need, and whom we now name silently in our hearts...

Christ, be our Light: **shine in the church, shine in the world.**

Lord Jesus, thank you for Andrew, Peter, James and John, and for your disciples of every generation who have heard your call, left everything, and followed you. Hear our prayers and join them with your own petitions to our dear heavenly Father on our behalf, for together with him and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.
God be praised forevermore.
The LORD bless us and keep us.
The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.
Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and
feet that are ready to follow him.*

**May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and
feet that are ready to follow him.**

WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace and live in the light of Christ.
In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Be still and know I am God

Be still and know that I am God, and there is none beside Me.

Be still and know that I am God, and there is none beside Me.

I am the One who calls you My friends, and there is none beside Me.

I am the One who calls you My friends, and there is none beside Me.

I am the One whose love never fails, and there is none beside Me.

I am the One whose love never fails, and there is none beside Me.

I am the One who says, "Follow Me", and there is none beside Me.

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Be still and know that I am God, and there is none beside Me.

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

LHS

30 The people that in darkness sat
156 Jesus our Saviour, of true joy the
giver* G3
181 Abide, O dearest Jesus* G5
217 O Christ, our true and only light*
G5
396 Lead Thou me on

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126 I am the light of the world
217 Lord, the light of your love
313 Christ be our light
315 Drawn to the light

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

LHS

191 The Church's one foundation G4
217 O Christ, our true and only light*
G5
271 The gospel shows the Father's
grace G5
344 Our God is love* G6
798 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless
round G6
799 In Christ there is no east or west
G7
800 May we be one GS

AT

172 May we be one

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

LHS

30 The people that in darkness sat
306 I heard the voice of Jesus say G7
336 Come follow me, the Saviour
spake* G3
366 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult G7

AT

137 I heard the voice of Jesus say

311 Be still and know
313 Christ be our light
315 Drawn to the light
344 The new road
348 Sing hey for the carpenter
413 The summons
493 Follow the Saviour
495 Come and follow me