

# EPIPHANY

Prelude

Silence

## MY COVENANT *(remain seated)*

“As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever,” says the LORD. (Isaiah 59.21)

Silence for Prayers of Preparation

## ARISE, SHINE *(rise after silence)*

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60.1-3)

**In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.** (Isaiah 2.2)

“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. (Isaiah 60.4-5)

**“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. (Isaiah 42.6-7)**

Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob....I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler. No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise. (Isaiah 59.16, 17b-18)

**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? (Psalm 27.1)**

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. (Isaiah 27.14)

**All Sing:** *(be seated after this song)*

### **WE LOOK FOR LIGHT** (Isaiah 59.9-16)

Justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.

**Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes.**

At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead.

**We all growl like bears; we moan mournfully like doves.**

We look for justice, but find none; for deliverance, but it is far away.

**For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us.**

Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

**So, justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.**

Truth is nowhere to be found,

**and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.**

The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so, his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.

Silence for Prayers of Confession

**All Sing: Arise Shine** *(remain seated)*

The musical score is written for voice and guitar. It consists of five staves of music in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "A - rise shine for your light has come and the glor - y of God is on you A - A - rise come to the o - pen gates for the fa - ther is wel - com - ing you A - rise see when the earth grows dark that the lord will a - rise up - on you the Fear not for the Lord brings peace and re - dem - tion to all who be - lieve re - lord will a - rise up - on you Na - tions will come to your light lift up your eyes and dem - tion to all who be - lieve see we'll ga - ther - to - ge - ther and come to you and your love will be all that we know your love will be all that we know The".

Chords indicated above the staff: E B E/G# A E B A (lines 1-5); E B E/G# A E B A (line 6); E B A E A E A E (line 7); B A E G#7 C#m E B (line 8); A C#m B A (line 9).

21 E E/G# A E B  
 sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need and

24 E E/G# A E B  
 vio - lence will end all the wars that we wage will cease We will

27 A B E A B E  
 glor - i - fy your name we will glor - i - fy your name.

Silence for Sighing

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson:

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Sing: Come, Light of God**

Capo 3: F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D)

Come, Light, Light of God, o'er-whelm all cre - a - tion.

Bb(G) Gm(Em) C(A) Am(F#m) Bb(G) F(D)

En - light - en our hearts; let your light dwell with us.

Second Lesson

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Sing: Come, Light of God**

Gospel Lesson

This is the Gospel of our Christ.

**All Sing: Come, Light of God**

Proclamation

Prayer for Application

## **WE OFFER TO GOD**

We Offer Our Gifts to God

We Offer Our Faith to God *(please rise – this confession is taken from the ancient baptism liturgy)*

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that attempt to separate you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

**I will, with God's help.**

*(for the people who regularly worship at ACRC)*

Dear people of God, you have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

We Offer Our Prayers to God

**All Sing:** *(remain standing)*

**THE FEAST** *(remain standing)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is proper and fitting that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you: the Lord of lords, the King of kings, the Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus, our Lord.**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me."

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the same loaf.**

When the supper was over he took the cup and said: "This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

**The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

Everyone who is led by the Spirit of the Lord to celebrate this meal is now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

Come then, for all is ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast.**

*(The congregation comes forward in turn to form circles. The children will be blessed. Throughout the feast, songs will be sung.)*

## **THE ANGEL SHOWED ME**

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the

city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22.1-5)

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Postlude

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