



First  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany

**PRELUDE**

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie  
Beautiful Saviour

M. Duruflé  
F. Peeters

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT**

Aurora (Sunrise)

O. Gjeilo

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#231 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator God, you have promised a lot:  
to gather us up, to be with us,  
to bless us with your spirit.  
However, we confess to a dissipation of energy,  
a lack of focus, an ease of distraction.  
Scrolling and posting, we lay waste your promises.

In December we stumbled towards Bethlehem;  
in January we worry and wonder  
about the world around us near and far.

Nonetheless, we claim your promises  
through your grace.  
Gather us up.  
Be with us.  
Bless us with your spirit.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Acts 8:14-17 Page 131, 2nd half of NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

D. Evans

**LITANY**

One: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**Many: Creator God when we are distracted, be with us.**

One: When you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.

**Many: Creator God when we are wasting our time,  
be with us.**

One: When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.

**Many: Creator God when we are looking away from what  
matters, be with us.**

**ALL: I will be with you, for I am the Lord your God.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#423 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

IN BABILONE

**SECOND READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Page 745, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Susan Hunter

(Silence for personal reflection)

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

First Snow

O. Gjeilo

**\*New Doxology**

Marco Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Instrumental Benediction**

Invocation

D. Bedard

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this  
week*

**POSTLUDE**

Toccatto gloriosa (New Year Toccatto)

F. Bräuer

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Grant McIntyre;

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some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people  
refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church.  
Thank you for helping us care for one another. — FBC Council*