



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 17th, 2021

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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude	<i>Verbum supernum: Récit en dialogue</i>	Nicolas de Grigny
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Lynne Clements
Opening Hymn	O Word of God Incarnate	MUNICH
Psalm 97		
Congregational Response		CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
	Christ, be our light!	
	Shine in our hearts.	
	Shine through the darkness.	
	Christ, be our light!	
	Shine in your church gathered today.	
Passing of the Peace		
Annual Meeting Announcement		

God's Word to Us

Gospel Lesson	John 1:1-9, 8:12	
Solo	<i>Letzte Stunde, brich herein</i>	J. S. Bach
Final hour, let me behold Jesus' radiant joy and his bright light, like the angels!		Sophie Caplin, soprano
Epistle Lesson	Romans 13:11-14	
Sermon	"Thus, Will Shine The Dawn"	Ken Henry

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Dorothy Piatt
Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Duo en cors de chasse</i>	Jean-François Dandrieu

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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL Before the Beginning

From eternity,
From the place beyond the highest heavens,
Where stillness is motion
And motion is stillness,
Where nothing and everything meet,
Where time and timelessness are one,
God imagined a universe
In which existence
Could only begin
By first
Creating light.

And there was
Evening
And there was
Morning.
A first day.

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