



*The Third Sunday After the Epiphany*

**Prelude**

*Poeme*

**Gathering**—In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you. Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress. In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you. Rescue us, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel, for you, Holy One, are our hope and trust.+

**\*\*Gathering Song**

*Day by Day, 449*

**Prayer**—Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name.+

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)—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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Exploring Together**—How do you prepare for winter?

**We Hear God's Word**—Psalm 71:1-6 (NRSVUE)

*Vivian Thomas*

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.
- <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress<sup>[a]</sup> to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- <sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> From my birth I have leaned upon you,  
my protector since my mother's womb.<sup>[b]</sup>  
My praise is continually of you.

**Meditation**

*Preparing for Winter*

**Hymn**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful, 30*

**We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—The generous life responds to the goodness of God and the needs of the world. There is no need that our collective human resources cannot meet because of the abundance of creation. May we celebrate and honor the creation by giving without fear or suspicion as an act of faith and trust in the Holy One and in one another.+

**January Benevolence**—Zion Emergency Assistance Fund

**California Wildfire Relief**

**\*\*Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our faith community and the world. May each offering be a seed that will grow, spread, and perfume the atmosphere with faith, hope, and love. Amen.+

**Hymn**

*Let All Things Now Living, 22*

**Benediction**—The dark and cold of winter may be long and hard at times, but even in the darkest of nights, the light of God shines. God's faithfulness abounds.

**\*\*A Choral Benediction**

May the light of God shine on us today.  
May the light of God shine on us today.  
May it show us where to travel,  
Lead us back if we should stray.  
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today.  
May the love of God live in us today.  
May the warmth we feel within us

Show in all we do and say.  
May the love of God live in us today.  
May the peace of God be with us today.  
May the peace of God be with us today.  
May it guide us and protect us  
As we go our separate ways,  
May the peace of God be with us,  
May the love of God live in us,  
May the light of God shine on us today.

**Postlude**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*