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January 19, 2025 ✚ THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism — today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

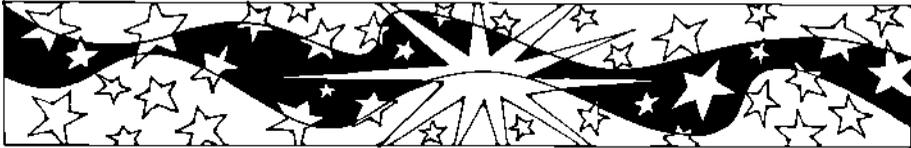
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





Second Sunday After The Epiphany

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

**If we say we have fellowship with him
while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true.**

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
**Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.**

(Silence is kept for self-reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
**troubled and penitent, we confess our sins to you.
Our deeds are evil; we have loved darkness rather than the light.
We languish in the shadow of death.
Let your mercy dawn upon us for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son.
Transform the water of our need into the new wine of your joy.
Within our hearts, and in our lives, let there be light!**

God, who once commanded light to shine out of the darkness,
has shone in our hearts to give the light of
the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,
who was handed over to death for our trespasses
and was raised for our justification.

For his sake your sins are forgiven.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, walk as children of light.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

#827



1 A - rise, my soul, a - rise! Stretch forth to things e - ter - nal
 2 Now hear the harps of heav'n! Oh, hear the song vic - to - rious,



and has - ten to the feet of your re - deem - er God,
 the nev - er - end - ing an - them sound - ing through the sky!



who, hid from mor - tal eyes, yet dwells in light su - per - nal;
 To mor - tals is not giv'n to join in strains so glo - rious;



so wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness, your sov - 'reign Lord.
 yet here on earth we too can sing our prais - es high!



The ban - quet of love a - waits you a - bove;
 Christ bought with his blood the ran - somed of God;



yet here you have a fore - taste of the feast to come!
 to him be ev - er - last - ing pow'r and vic - to - ry.



Re - joice, my soul, re - joice, to heav'n lift up your voice;
 And let the great a - men re - sound through heav'n a - gain.



1, 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Opening Litany

At the wedding of Cana,
the servants trusted Jesus and did whatever he told them.
**In our lives, may we trust in Jesus as those servants did,
and do whatever he tells us.**

The servants did what Christ commanded,
and he turned water into wine.

As we serve our Savior,
he performs miracles in and through us.

And as we work for the Lord,
he sweetens our lives with his presence.

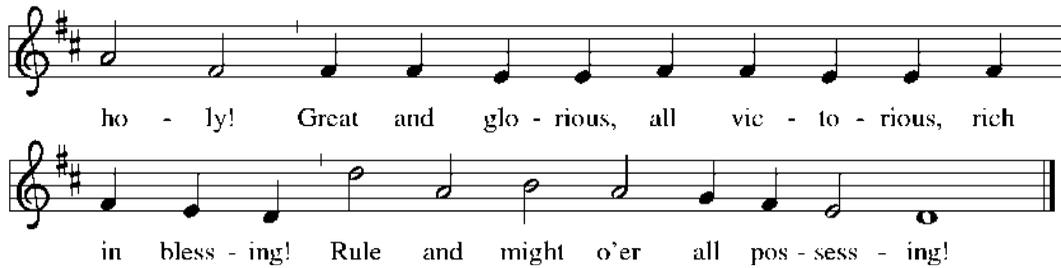
May all his blessings
be poured out upon us. Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the wisdom of God the Father,
and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* #308 (v. 1&5)

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,



5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... (*A brief silence is kept.*)

Lord God, source of every blessing,

you showed forth your glory

and led many to faith by the works of your Son,

who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

Transform us by the Spirit of his love,

that we may find our life together in him,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



✝ WORD ✝

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10

Let us read Psalm 36 responsively.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

A reading from First Corinthians.

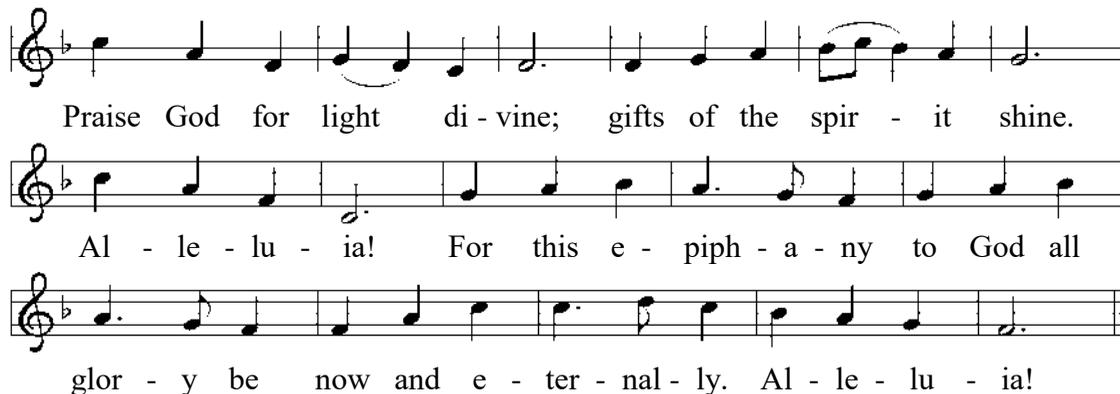
¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

(Tune: #408)



Praise God for light di - vine; gifts of the spir - it shine.

Al - le - lu - ia! For this e - piph - a - ny to God all

glor - y be now and e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

The Holy Gospel according St. John, the 2nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Response

(Tune: #408)

See now the won - drous sign: wa - ter is changed to wine.
 Al - le - lu - ia! For this e - piph - a - ny to God all
 glor - y be now and e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**Children's Time
 Sermon**

Hymn of the Day

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

#488

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and
 haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
 glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
 pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
 dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,
 there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
 quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
 though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I how be -



bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord in - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate. I a - dore you: wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us profess our faith...

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of the People

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve.
Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing,
service and teaching, leading and preaching,
for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Refuge of creatures,
you place all the living under the shadow of your wings.
Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals,
creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time.
We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace.
Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana,
nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of
separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams.
Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need, especially...
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites.
Nurture our shared commitment
to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you.
We give thanks for the saints.
Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

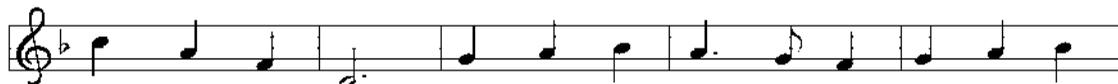
✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

(Tune: #408)



Un - chang - ing Fa-ther of Lights in whom the world de - lights,
There - fore your prais-es we sing, and in our hands we bring



by whom we live: help us to un - der-stand your ev - er -
gifts in re - turn. Use them, we hum - bly pray, to spread the



op - en hand brings bless-ings to the land; great gifts you give!
light of day that all, by its glad ray, your love may learn.

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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Christ is the Lamb of God

(Tune: #408)



Christ is the Lamb of God. For our sakes, to the cross he trod.

O Lamb of God, for our sal - va - tion we give thanks and

praise to Thee now and e - ter - nal - ly, O Lamb of God.

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Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

You sent a star to guide the Magi to where the Christ was born;
and your signs and witnesses in every age and through all the world
have led your people from far places to his light.

In his baptism and in his table fellowship
he took his place with sinners.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who were oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

On the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice as we proclaim the mystery of faith...
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Almighty God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...
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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

(Tune: #742)



Lamb of God, our might-y Sav - ior all our sins you take a - way.



Lamb of God, by your great fa - vor, Lord, have mer-cy now, we pray.



Lamb of God, our pray'rs a - ttend - ing, nev - er let your mer-cies cease,



But, your Ho - ly Spir - it send - ing, grant us all your gift of peace.

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Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion in your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Now the Silence

#460



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion
 Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing
 Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Distribution Hymn

What Feast of Love

#487

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Nourishing God,
**at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out
to embody your good news of liberation and healing
for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forevermore.
Amen.





1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



X W T N N A J A R S X Y V S K
 U E K G A L I L E E K L E U D
 H D L A S T M O I F A L S K Z
 W D B E S T P U W N P N E M D
 C I H G L O R Y A I G G R V M
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 A A B R I D E G R O O M P D S

wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous

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WATER INTO WINE

With a crayon or pencil follow between the lines, beginning at the starting point.

