Celebrate
Epiphany
with the World Church

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

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Praying with the World Church

Jesus is the Light of the World
All **The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

John 8.12, John 1.5

A candle is lit.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
All **And the glory of the Lord has risen
upon you.**

For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
All **but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory shall appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light
All **and kings to the brightness of
your dawn.**

Isaiah 60.1-3

The Collect, prepared by one of our partners, is read.

Almighty and ever-faithful God, Light of the nations, we thank you that in the fullness of time you came among us in your Son, shared our flesh and blood, and entered the depths of our temptation and suffering. As you once purified your people like refiner's fire and were received with joy by those who waited in hope, so cleanse our hearts and steady our faith, that we may dwell in your presence and walk in obedience before you.

In a troubled and divided world, strengthen us to trust your unfailing word, for Christ our great High Priest is mighty to save, to break the power of evil and sin, and to bring light, freedom, and hope to all nations. Grant us grace to live as faithful witnesses to your light, until we behold the glory prepared for all your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Collect from Bishop Santhosh Prasanna Rao Kamanuri, Diocese of Nandyal

The light shines in the darkness,
All **and the darkness will not overcome it. Amen.**

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