

Feb. 4 Intercessions Epiphany V

*Christ is the image of the unseen God.*

Our God made us and our universe, and delights in us.  
Prompted by the Spirit of God in us, let us pray.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:  
Wise and holy God: **we are your children.**

We pray for the godly wisdom that is touched by the beauty of creation,  
delights in the diversity of people, and warms to the possibilities  
of co-operative prayer and work for the coming of the kingdom.  
(pause) Wise and holy God: **we are your children.**

We pray for the godly wisdom that, in observing symptoms, discerns  
causes and responds to the real needs; that strives not to control but  
enable, not to manipulate but empower. (pause)  
Wise and holy God: **we are your children.**

We pray for the godly wisdom that gives others both space and support,  
that encourages and guides, that knows when to speak and when to be  
silent. (pause) Wise and holy God: **we are your children.**

We pray for the godly wisdom that recognises the poverty of the rich  
and the wealth among the poor; that questions assumptions of worth  
and cherishes those whom the world discards. (pause) Wise and holy God:  
**we are your children.**

We pray for the godly wisdom that sees time in the context of eternity,  
and death as the gateway to heaven. (pause) Wise and holy God:  
**we are your children.**

We pray for the godly wisdom that lives simply and thankfully,  
rejoicing in all that God is and does.  
Gracious God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.