Responsive Life Prayer for the Church
(for Epiphany 3)

Pastor: Lord Jesus, though you are the light and shine as brilliant as the sun,
Congregation: You hid your glory and came to be the obedient One.

P: We still see your glory in every miracle that you do.
C: The truth of God you share tells everybody too.

P: The Spirit set you apart to proclaim good news to the poor.
C: And the work you did for us opened heaven’s door.

P: That work we desperately need because our eyes wander and our hearts are filled with sin,
C: Our lives do not measure up to God’s standards – from without or within.

P: Wondrously, it was you Isaiah saw when he predicted the year of the Lord’s favor,
C: Because you would forgive our sins and help us not to waver.

P: Teach us to fix our eyes on you, to hear, to listen, to trust as you make us able –
C: To remember our baptisms, and to come to the Lord’s table.

P: From such grace, and mercy and forgiving love Lord Jesus, grant us all such an epiphany,
C: That we would all love and care for human life to such a degree!

P: Dear Jesus, it is your light that shines and we marvel at your glory;
C: Graciously lead our lives, our limbs, our lips in joy to tell your story.

P: So keep us safe, humble us with the law; with the gospel keep cheering
C: Until the day you fulfill the Scriptures in our hearing!