
✠ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER the EPIPHANY ✠
ORDER OF WORSHIP • JANUARY 19, 2025 • 9:00 AM
✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ OPENING HYMN GOD IS HERE! STANZAS 1, 2 & 3
 TUNE: ABBOTT'S LEIGH

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

✠ **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our
hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

WL: Merciful God,

All: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for
the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We
ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose
injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst
about one another. Cleanse us from our sins and release us from
their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and
repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

WL: God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

All: **Amen!**

The congregation sits

PARISH CHOIR ANTHEM

O PRAISE THE LORD,
WHO MADE ALL BEAUTY

**O praise the Lord who made all beauty
Whose gift of the senses we enjoy.
O may we live each day in constant wonder,
To see all of life in simple pleasure.
O praise the Lord who made all beauty.
Sing, "Laude, laudeamus te."**

**Praise Him who makes each day an adventure.
Praise Him for eager eyes to see the world.
Praise Him for budding flower.
Praise Him for stars and moonbeam.
Sing, "Laudeamus, Laudeamus, Laude, Laudeamus."**

**Praise Him for sound of voice and music.
Praise Him for touch that loved ones share.
Praise Him for fragrant springtime.
Praise Him for winter's bleakness.
Sing, "Laudeamus, Laudeamus, Laude, Laudeamus."**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray.

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 62:1-5

R: The First lesson for this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday is from the 62nd chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.
The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.
You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the Lord will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.
As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

R: The Epistle is from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the 12th chapter.

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN

HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE
LBW #257, STANZAS 1, 2 & 4

**Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

**Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire;
purge me with your holy fire.**

**Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea,
stayed in your tranquility.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "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."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES
LSB #602, STANZAS 1, 2, 5, 6

**The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.**

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The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

✝ PROFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

All: 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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

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COMMUNION HYMN

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

LBW #518

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: 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,

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: May the love of God uphold you; the light of ✠ Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

GOD IS HERE! STANZA 4
TUNE: ABBOTT'S LEIGH

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

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