

# Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15, 2023

11:00 a.m.



*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us. need of God's healing.*

## + GATHERING +

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*We stand*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

*We sit. We will remain seated for the hymn.*

### GATHERING HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

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### GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**AM:** Let us pray.  
Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 49: 1-7**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
 and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says,  
 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
 I will give you as a light to the nations,  
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
 the slave of rulers,  
 “Kings shall see and stand up,  
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”  
 The word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 40:1-11**



<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,  
 who stooped to me and | heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,  
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!  
 They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.**  
<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be  
 com- | pared with you!  
 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.  
<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;  
 you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.**  
<sup>7</sup>And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.  
 In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:  
<sup>8</sup>**“I love to do your will, | O my God;  
 your law is | deep within me.”**  
<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;  
 I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.  
<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and  
 | your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the<sup>1</sup> great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-<sup>1</sup>sion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually<sup>1</sup> keep me safe.

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

A reading from First Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*We stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING

**John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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*Remain seated for the creed*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION**

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

*Each prayer petition ends with the assisting minister praying, "Merciful God," Please respond by answering, "Receive our prayer."*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say Peace be with you or similar words.*

## **+ MEAL +**

**OFFERING** *No collection by usher. Please place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary. The offering will be brought to the front by the usher at this time.*



### OFFERING PRAYER

**AM:** Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

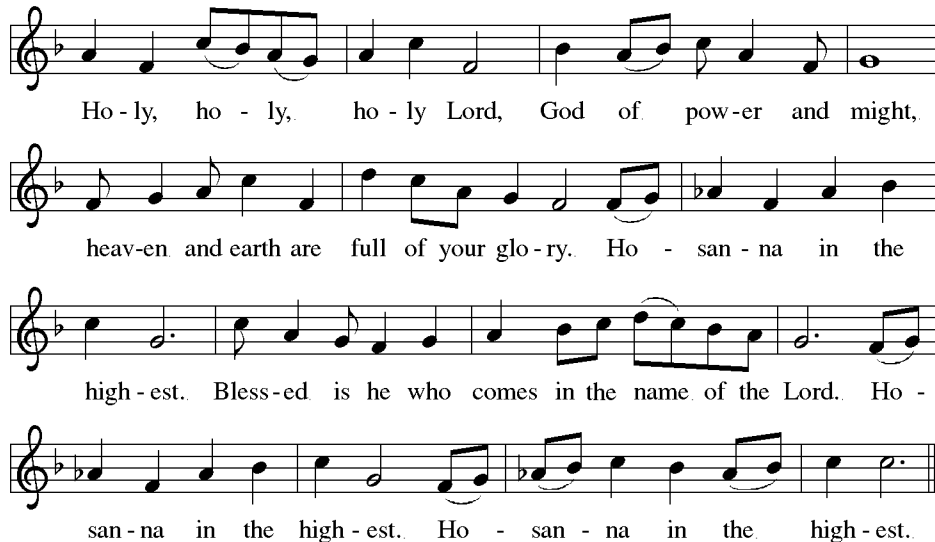
*We stand*

### THE DIALOG

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

**P:** 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In 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 for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Come and taste the joy of God! **Thanks be to God.**

*We sit*

*Communion is open to all baptized Christians. We will commune at the bottom of the stairs. Ushers will assist with distancing as you come forward into the aisle. The pastor will distribute the wafers. Individual cups of wine or grape juice are available. The assisting minister will hold the tray and hand you a cup. Place the used cup in the tray next to the front pew. Should you choose to commune by only one element, be assured that the crucified and risen Christ is fully present in, with and under this one element.*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*We stand*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**AM:** Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**BLESSING**

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

**SENDING HYMN**

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

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**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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