



JOHN

Chapter 2:1-11

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

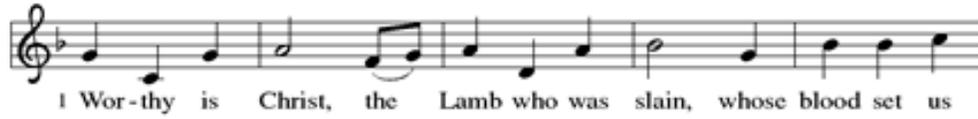
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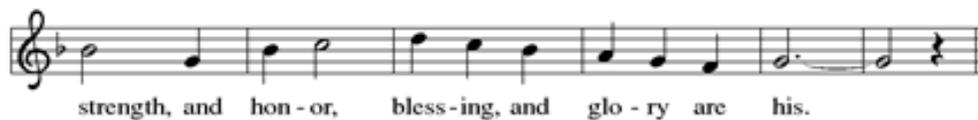
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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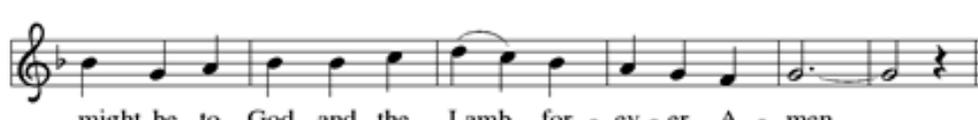
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

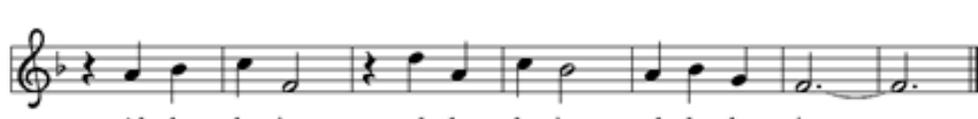
Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

***Prayer of the Day**

P: We pray in your name.

C: AMEN!

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm--Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to

***Gospel: John 2:1-11**

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

Louisa Klaven, AIM, LLM

Sermon Song

“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

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APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 the People

*(Please respond: **hear our prayer.**)*

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please stay in your worshiping space and show one another a sign of peace through hand signals, bowing, or other non-contact ways.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

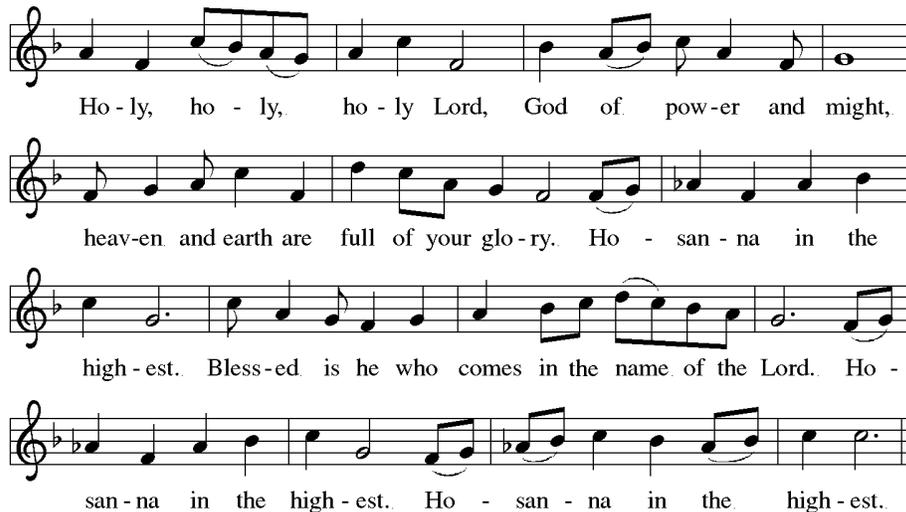
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most merciful Lord, since many cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

In this wilderness, teach us to be your people and bring us all again to your table so that we may commune together with you. Shape us through this experience to better embody being your people for the sake of the world. Renew and restore us O Christ, for you live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:
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**

COMMUNION

The body and blood of Christ, given for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Benediction

C: AMEN

Sending Song

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Devotional

GOSPEL MESSAGE

January 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

First Signs

People enjoy recounting predictive stories from their childhood. A nurse shares a story of tending to a sick pet at a young age. An engineer tells about the time she got in trouble for disassembling her parents' TV. An entrepreneur narrates the saga of his first lawn-mowing business. Do you have a story like this that you like to tell? Such stories get shared because in them we recognize the first traces of the people we have become. They are stories full of signs that point toward something coming.

Today's gospel shares a story about the first "sign" of Jesus. When the wine runs out at a wedding he is attending in Cana, Jesus transforms water into wine to help keep the party going. Like the stories we tell about ourselves, this sign points toward who Jesus is going to become. His first miracle is marked by kindness, compassion, joy, pleasure, and abundance. Jesus brings life to a party that is dying. Like stories of our own development, this story feels light-hearted even as it points toward the more profound ways in which we know Jesus will fulfill his own calling to bring joy to those in sorrow, compassion to those in need, and, ultimately, life to those who have died.

Worship is also a place of signs. The rich texture of our words, music, and actions points us toward the truth of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This truth was made known in Jesus' earthly life, but it continues to unfold in the present. Today as you worship, pay attention to moments in the service that speak with power to your life. These may be signs of what God is changing in you—healing wounds, developing gifts, or growing a special calling.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara Anderson, Don Cheetham, Johannes DeVries, Florence Fay, Ruth Hunter, Dorothy Kowaleski, Jim McKnight, Lorraine Stevens, Tom Sutherland, Eugene Walz.

Please welcome Louisa Klaven, AIM, LLM, who is presiding at worship today and will also be administering communion with permission of Bishop James E. Hazelwood.

Adult Class will meet on Sundays at 8:30 am. Please join us in the lounge!

Zoom Book Club will resume its regular schedule in February with a new list of books. Participants will receive a link to join the group a few days before the meeting. Please email Nancy Janes with any questions at nfjanes@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting of St. Paul will take place on January 23, 2022 following worship service.

Devotional Booklets are outside to the right of the front door of the church in the white mailbox. Please contact the church office if you are unable to pick one up.

The W&M Committee is looking for volunteers to help with tech support and live streaming. Written documentation and training will be made available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

The Worship Service will be indoors and livestreamed this Sunday at 9:30 am. Please use the link below for the livestream service:

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You may also watch the recorded service on YouTube using the link below:

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