Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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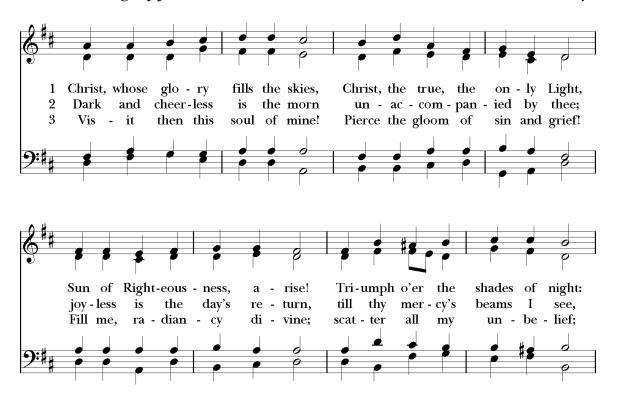
Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies



Hymnal 7



All standing, the Celebrant says

PeopleBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The following is sung, all standing





Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

All sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be explated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 139:1-5,12-17

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Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

- ² You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how great is the sum of them!

¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading

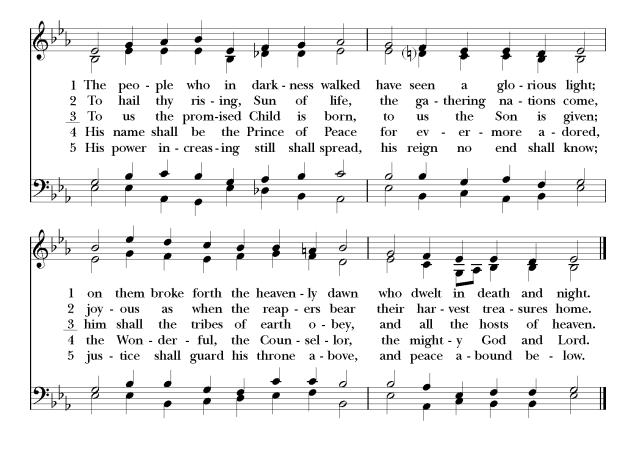
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.



Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

All stand.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Priest	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Officiant: Let us pray to God, whose light shines forth in Jesus Christ. (*The people respond in bold*)

Intercessor:

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near; and that the Church may welcome all people and rejoice in the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our day justice may flourish and peace come to all of the world, let us

pray: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That we might rejoice in God's creation as God does, and that we might have the wisdom and courage to care for it as faithful stewards, let us pray: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God might deliver all who suffer from their distress; and that God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak and open their hearts and hands to the needy, remembering those on our prayer list... let us pray:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all those who have died [especially _____] may rest in God's eternal radiance where there is neither pain nor darkness nor sorrow, but peace and life everlasting, let us pray:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That those who persecute the Lord in those who try to follow him may see his light and be converted, let us pray: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people full of faith and love, let us pray: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

Lord our God, we rejoice that you have become near to us in Jesus your Son. Let him be the light of life now and for ever. Amen. All remain standing.

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

Peace

All stand.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

Offertory Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky



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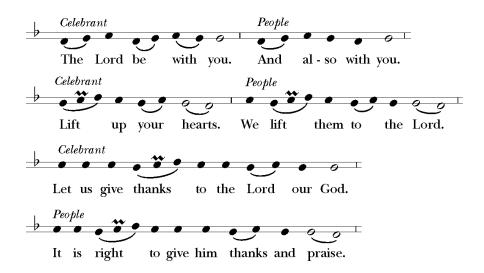




Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.



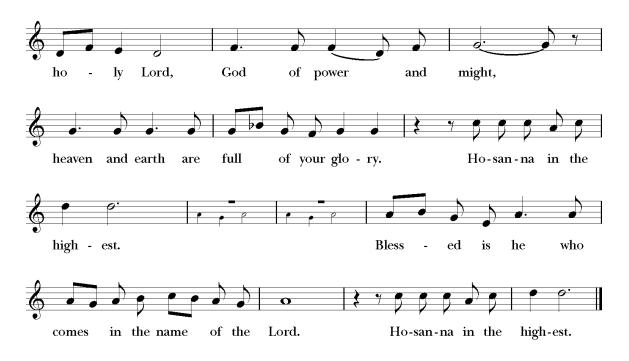
The Celebrant proceeds

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:





The people stand or kneel as they are able.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

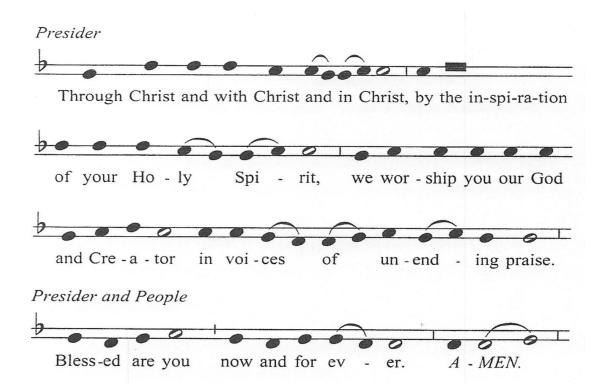
Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.



The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

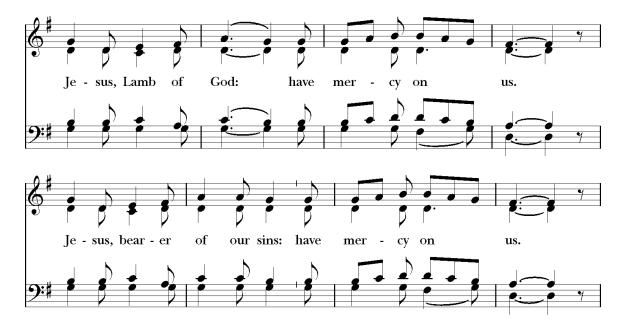
People and Celebrant

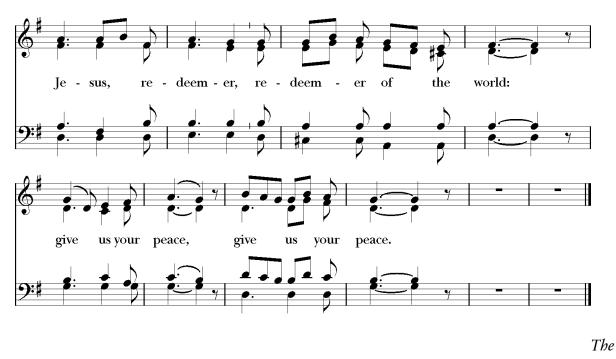
Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.





Celebrant says

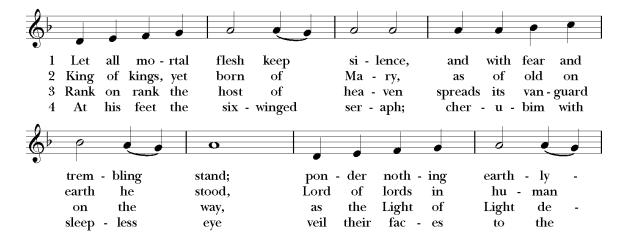
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

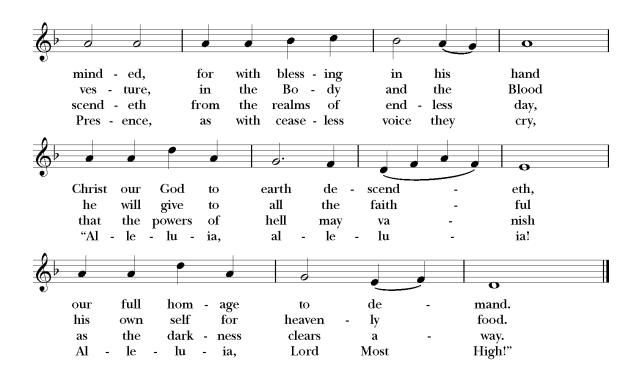
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324





After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the

Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen*.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen*.

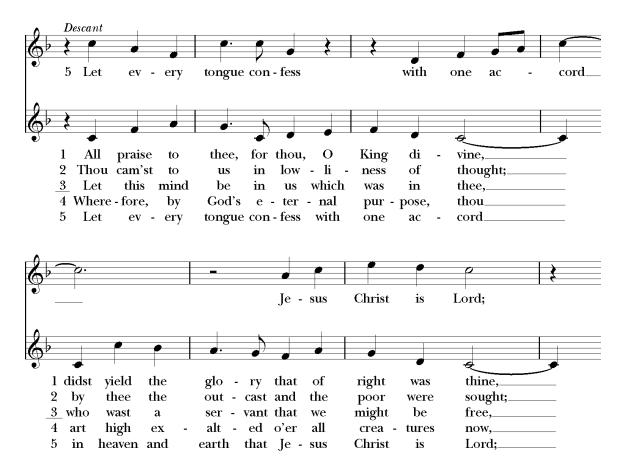
May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen*.

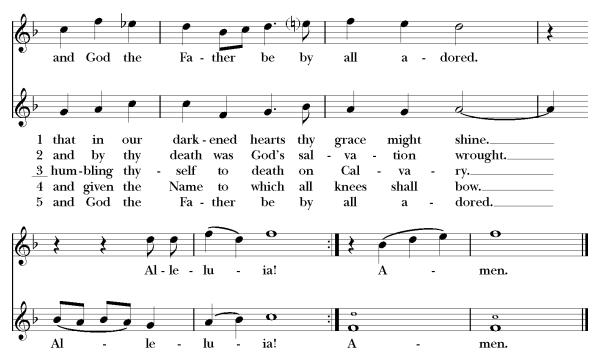
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

Postcommunion Hymn

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Hymnal 477





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Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go in peace to love and serve our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany—Year B

Welcome to our parish. On the Sundays after Epiphany, the scriptures explore some of the ways in which Jesus was shown to be God's Son. Today we focus on the beginning of his ministry when he called his disciples. In the passage before today's reading he called Andrew who went and brought his brother Peter. Today he calls Philip who brings Nathaniel.

The first reading is the account of the call of Samuel, the first great prophet of the Hebrew Scriptures after Moses. In the calls both of Nathaniel and of Samuel, the person called is not at first impressed by the call. In the second reading, a problem of sexual misbehavior in the church of Corinth is dealt with by Paul's first reminding his readers that they are a newborn people by Baptism. How they use their lives, including their bodies, must be in the context of their having been washed, sanctified, and justified in Christ and the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in Eucharist, our new life in Christ is manifested in our response: "Speak, Lord, your servant hears," and in following him who calls us into lives of faith and ministry in his name.

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