

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 19, 2025



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### Today's Ministers

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This Week's Community Meal (1/22/2025): Team Bumpers

*This Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Search Committee & Vestry members.*

# The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: Rite Two

## The Word of God

### **Entrance Hymn 542:** *Christ Is the World's True Light*

<sup>1</sup> Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,  
<sup>2</sup> In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,  
<sup>3</sup> One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;  
the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;  
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;  
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,  
the world as waited long, has travailed long in pain;  
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruninghook the spear.  
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*Today's service begins on Page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.*

*The people standing (as able), the Officiant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant 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.**

Gloria - Sung (S278)

(BCP 356)

Officiant and People

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            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, worshipped, 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

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

*Lector:* A reading from Isaiah.

For 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. The 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. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You 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. For 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.

*Lector:*                The Word of the Lord.

*People:*                **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 36:5-10

5 Your 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 both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your 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.

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

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the

same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*There is no procession. The Lector remains at the lectern to read the third reading, using the same form as the first two.*

### Sequence Hymn 138: All Praise to You, O Lord

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might-y power did  
 2 You speak, and it is done; o-be-dient to your word, the  
 3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al-ways to live and  
 4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the  
 man-i-fest your glo-ry forth in Ca-na's mar-riage hour.  
 wa-ter red-dening in-to wine pro-claims the pres-ent Lord.  
 drink of those re-fresh-ing streams which you a-lone can give.  
 mar-riage sup-per of the Lamb, the great e-piph-a-ny.

### Third Reading

**John 2:1-11**

*There is no procession. The Lector reads the third reading from the lectern, using the same form as the first two.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel according to John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When 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 and 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." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** \*Read by Brenda Bittle

**Nicene Creed** *found on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*All stand, as the People and Officiant say together.*

**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, Form IV** – *found on page 388 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*People kneeling, as able, the Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for our wardens, vestry, and those who will choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for God's people and equip us for our ministries.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Martha Healey (1/21), and Patrick Mulick (1/23).

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation **especially:** Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Matt Stephenson, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Rebecca Ward, Cindy Perkey, Tammy Kipfer, Ann Stephenson, the Healey family, and Cameron Gillespie.

**We pray also for family and friends for whom our prayers have been requested:** Jim Wilson, Jay, Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Mark & Jennifer, Susan, Jody Gayle, Tara Nance, David Smith, Lucy Harris, Adam M, Keith Perkins, Jim & Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Counts, Nan & Matt Tucker, Walker, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, Kathy Kleveno, Mike & Brandy Wyatt, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Jim Reynolds, Christina, Peggy Comer, Kristin, Marilyn Townsend, Georgina Mosser, Jeannie Sade, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Neva Miles Hector, Diarmund (Dar Mood), Sarah, Cody, & Brady, Q, Vicki Bettis, Betty Rains, and Katherine McSpadden.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Officiant adds the following Collect:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession**

*BCP 360*

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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 Officiant remains kneeling and says*

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

## **Peace**

*All stand. The Officiant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## **Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Officiant may begin the Offertory with the following or another Offertory sentence.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem:** *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

Cyril Taylor



## **Doxology: 43 v.4**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*The people's offerings of money or other gifts are received. The officiant reverently places the offerings on the altar.*

*The Officiant opens the tabernacle, reverently places the ciborium containing the consecrated bread on the altar, and pours the consecrated wine from the flagon into the chalice.*

*The Officiant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Officiant*

**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.**

*The Officiant says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*and may add*

**Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

## **Communion Hymn: When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known**

*After Communion, the Officiant says*

Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

*On 365:*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Post Communion Hymn 371: *Thou, Whose Almighty Word***

<sup>1</sup> Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,

<sup>2</sup> Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing

<sup>3</sup> Spirit of truth and love, life giving, holy Dove,

<sup>4</sup> Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,

and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the  
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face bearing the  
wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in

Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!

gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*         ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Organ Postlude**

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