

Second Sunday of Epiphany
January 17th 2021

The Gathering

Music will be played before the service

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
the love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians, far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends,
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy to give the world
the love that makes us one.*

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The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Christ, believed in by the world:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord, professed by the Church:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Christ, taken up in glory:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end,
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Samuel 3.1-10

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.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40.2, 4. 7-10

Hear I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
he stooped down to me;
heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
know it, O Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

Revelation 5.1-10

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening
for you have the message of eternal life.

All Alleluia!

Gospel Reading *John 1.43-end*

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day 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 towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**All 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 Intercession

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is a Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold,
everything has become new.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The Offertory

The bread and wine are brought to the altar

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.*

Pray, beloved,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and for the for the good
of all his holy Church.**

Lord,
make us worthy to celebrate this supper,
for as often as we do this
to celebrate his sacrifice,
the work of our redemption is made present.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and good, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
And now we give you thanks
because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the nations.
And so, with angela and archangels

and with all the powers of heaven
we glorify your holy name
in this, their ageless hymn of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be
for us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of blessed Mary, Francis
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence will be kept

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father...

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

It is not possible for us to receive holy communion together so the priest will do so on our behalf, but you might like to make an act of spiritual communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Eucharist,
through Word and Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I passionately desire
to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Pour upon us, O God,
the Spirit of your love,
so that we who are nourished
by the one bread of heaven
may be made one in the body of Christ.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news
of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.*

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