

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

The Work of One through the Many

Every year, the Epiphany of Our Lord is announced by the coming of the Magi from the East (on January 6) and the Baptism of Our Lord on the following Sunday. Likewise, every year on the next Sunday, John summarizes the significance of what we will hear concerning the earthly ministry of Jesus leading to the glory of His cross. Jesus enacts His first sign or miracle at a wedding in Cana. Turning water into wine signifies more than the joy of the marriage of God to His people. To Christians, it instantly calls to mind the Means by which God literally pours the new life of forgiveness into us through the blood of the cross of Christ. As the Bride of Christ, the Holy Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a life of the reverent worship of God and loving service of one another and the world. The one Spirit works through the many members of the Body of Christ.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN: #913 – [*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*](#)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:5–7*

Pastor: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

People: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Pastor: Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the light of the world, opens heaven before us and brings us life again. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

PSALM *Psalm 128 (spoken responsively by verse)*

¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

**²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

**⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.**

⁵The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

**⁶May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and the heavenly inheritance that awaits us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for wisdom for all who lead, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For God's chosen people, gathered here and scattered throughout the earth, and for the proclamation of God's unconditional love for all and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to establish a new creation, by the forgiveness won in the glory of His cross and resurrection, renew our lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit empowering us to worship You in purity and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 62:1–5*

(The bridegroom rejoices over his bride.)

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
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 sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

(The work of the Spirit in everyday Christian life)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all 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 ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 2:11*

Alleluia. This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 2:1–11*

(The wedding at Cana)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: #399 - [*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*](#)

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor: ... Lord, in Your mercy:

People: hear our prayer.

At conclusion:

Pastor: ... through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: #394 – [*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*](#)

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