

THE 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, 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.

(The people are seated)

THE LESSON: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response: I delight to do your will, O my God, I delight to do your will.

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¹I waited patiently for God,
who inclined to me and heard my
cry.

²God drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog;
God set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³God put a new song in my mouth, a
song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put
their trust in God.

⁴Happy are those who make God their
trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to
those who go astray after false
gods. ℟

⁵You have multiplied, O God my God,
your wondrous deeds and your
thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be
counted.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not
desire, but you have given me an
open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you
have not required.

⁷Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is
written of me. ℟

⁸"I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

⁹I have told the glad news of
deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O God.

¹⁰I have not hidden your saving help
within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast
love and your faithfulness,
I have not concealed them from the
great congregation.

¹¹Do not, O God, withhold your mercy
from me;
let your steadfast love and your
faithfulness keep me safe forever. ℟

THE EPISTLE: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

(The people stand)

GRADUAL HYMN

"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

Gospellor The Lord be with you.

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

Gospellor The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Gospellor: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *(The People are seated)*

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THE NICENE CREED *(The people stand)*

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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 FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Subdeacon: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Word become flesh, commanded us to pray for one another. Let us therefore pray for God's people everywhere, according to their own specific needs, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless your servants in this congregation, that nourished by your word and holy sacraments we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of the world, that they may put aside their own ambitions and strive for peace and justice among the nations. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be with those who travel during this holiday season, that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy and that they return safely to their homes and loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, grant health and wholeness to the sick, especially those on our prayer list, and give patience and understanding to those who minister to them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As you comforted your people by sending your most precious Son, the Word of life,

comfort those whose lives have been shattered by the loss of a loved one, that their sorrow may be turned to joy. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light. Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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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 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.

Priest: Almighty God....

THE PEACE

Please stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

"What wonderful love is this"

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. ***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. ***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For Therefore we praise you

Sanctus

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord

Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my ✕ Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be ✕ the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray*

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (*All singing*)

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant : The Gifts of God for the People of God...

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

Anthem at Holy Communion "Wade in the Water"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*The people stand*)

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer (*Celebrant*)

The Blessing

Celebrant : The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant : ... and the blessing ... **Amen.**

MISSION HYMN

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult"

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Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Jesus priceless treasure"

BWV 610, J.S. Bach