

The Second Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 17, 2021
10 o'clock in the morning

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, and CONCERNS

Additional announcements can be found in the Weekly Word e-mail sent out on Friday mornings.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are invited to participate in this ritual by adding in the comment section.

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

[Hymnal #57; WORDS: Charles Wesley, MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser]

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows
cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and
peace.*

*He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues
employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame,
for joy.*

*In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins
forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is
heaven.*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Winter Cannon

Sung by Thomas Haenle

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on
you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison
door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings
to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort
those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in
song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's
power will make us strong.*

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HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-30

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

MEDITATION

Proclaim Good News
Rev. Angela Menke-Ballou

SPECIAL MUSIC

American Tune
Sung by Mike O'Toole

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer in Song

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
Sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths
Your fingers traced
In sculpting me
In sculpting me*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Prayer in Song

OFFERTORY

***Doxology:**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God all creature here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

CLOSING HYMN

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

[The Faith We Sing #2237; Ruth C. Duck]

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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