

# SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021



## AS WE GATHER

Today we are called to remember that our bodies are not our own. Paul reminds us in the Epistle that we were bought with a price: the blood of Christ. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our bodies, even our whole lives, belong to the Lord, and we are called to consider how we are to best steward the bodies God has given us for the sake of His kingdom.

+ Preparation +

HYMN ~ 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, / My heart, awaking, cries,  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
When evening shadows fall, / This rings my curfew call:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 2 When mirth for music longs, / This is my song of songs:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
God’s holy house of prayer / Hath none that can compare  
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 3 No lovelier antiphon / In all high heav’n is known  
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”  
There to the\_ eternal Word / The\_ eternal psalm is heard:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 4 Ye nations of mankind, / In this your concord find:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Let all the earth around / Ring joyous with the sound:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, / Sing, ye that see His face,  
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”  
God’s whole creation o’er, / Both now and evermore  
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Based on Psalm 139:1-2, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

Pastor: O Lord, You have searched and known us.

**People: You discern our thoughts from afar.**

Pastor: Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

**People: Or where shall we flee from Your presence?**

Pastor: If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

**People: If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!**

Pastor: Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

**People: We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. Our shame is removed.**

+ Word +

## INTROIT

*Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b*

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I waited patiently for the LORD;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

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

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE ~ 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! / All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, / Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain

ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, / All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, / All you works of God, bless the Lord!

D 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; / All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore, ' Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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#### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You paid for our lives with the price of Your blood on the cross. Strengthen us to serve You with pure hearts and minds, that we may be witnesses to the word of Your forgiveness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*After the reading:*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM

*Psalm 139:1-10; antiphon: v. 14*

Pastor: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Pastor: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

Pastor: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**People: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

#### EPISTLE ~ 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*After the reading:*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL ~ *John 1:43-51*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY ~ 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, / “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, / Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, / Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way, / A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; / I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show / How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness, / My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express, / With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, / To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee / What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, / From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul / And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, / And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, / In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain / The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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## SERMON ~ “Called to Follow” John 1:43-51

### 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.**

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### OFFERTORY ~ 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be / Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, / Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move / At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be / Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing / Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be / Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold, / Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use / Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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+ Sacrament +

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has redeemed and bought us with the price of His blood so that we might live under Him in His kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

***O holy, holy, holy Lord,  
You draw the nations ever toward  
The joy of Your pure reigning,  
For You rule all in heav'n and earth  
With love and light, with might and mirth,  
Your care the world sustaining.  
So we beg Thee, Save us Jesus! Come and free us From sins wages,  
Blessed King of endless ages.***

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### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross, and we seek to live as people who were bought with a price.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive and renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat Christ's body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament, You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

## 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 and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

***O Lamb of God, You take away  
The sin and guilt and shame that weigh  
So heavy on our hearts, Lord.  
Grant us Your mercy, hear our plea!  
Without Your grace, Lord, we would be  
Beyond all hope and wayward.  
Still You come to Share the mystr'y Masked through hist'ry That salvation  
Is for ev'ry tribe and nation.***

## DISTRIBUTION ~ *In the Sanctuary*

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN ~ 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, / Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, / This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world, / The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst, / The joy of Israel.
- D 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, / To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest / Be honor, love, and praise.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You purchased and won us by the blood of Christ. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us to live as worthy witnesses of Your grace and wisdom; 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

**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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**People:** Amen.

## HYMN ~ 825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

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