

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION †
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021

PRELUDE

O Word of God Incarnate

Ann Slowins

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

C Almighty God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Amen.

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LITANY OF PRAISE

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for in Your wisdom You have formed us.

C We bless You and praise Your name forever.

P You set free those who are bound.

C You raise up those whose courage falters.

P You provide for our every need.

C Accept our grateful praises.

P You have called us from every land and people.

C We rejoice and bless Your name forever.

P You bless us with peace.

C We bless You and praise Your loving grace.

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for in Your wisdom You have formed us.

C We bless You and praise Your name forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, look with favor upon Your people who are called to serve in Christ's name. Give us courage and patience, and strengthen us in our witness to the world and service to one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY (*Congregation rising*)

P Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

C All who receive it will no longer dwell in the shadows, but will have the light of life.

P May the Word of God dwell in us richly, so that everything we do in word or deed will be done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

C giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip 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."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Concordia Community Choir

Craig Courtney

SERMON

"Reflections on the Reading: 1 Samuel 1:3-10" (insert)
Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Congregation rising*)

C 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Guided by Christ, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that the church may continue to show forth its light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has made, that we serve as wise stewards of our earthly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For police officers and firefighters, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, especially all who serve in Washington D.C., that they may protect those under their care and be shielded from harm. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, for those who are imprisoned or homebound, and for all who suffer fear or anxiety, that God may console and restore them. We lift up especially all on our prayer line and those we remember now, either silently or aloud... (PAUSE). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For our community of faith, for those who would like to be present but cannot, and for the educational ministry of The Chapel School and Concordia College, that all who seek to know God may be fed and encouraged by His Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, hear our prayers for the sake of the One who dwells among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the salvation You have granted to us through Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Light of the world. Send the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts, that as Your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE

P 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 covenant 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."

P Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION

P Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you...
(*We eat the bread*)

P Take and drink, the blood of Christ, shed for you...
(*We drink the cup*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give You thanks, gracious God, that You have once again fed us with the food of heaven, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place into the world, nourished and forgiven, to live as You have taught us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Please wait for the pastor to proceed out of the sanctuary, then exit out of the building. Bulletins and used communion containers may be placed in the receptacles provided.

Please also fill out the Attendance Form and place it in the offering plate by the Jesus Fountain. If you have any prayer requests or other information to share with the Church Office, you can use the back side of the form.

News and Notes:

Prayer Conference Call is offered each week on **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** The call-in number is **(1) 732-434-3982**. If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the back side of the Attendance Form or contact Kim Rapillo, Church Office Administrative Assistant, at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: We continue to collect food donations for ECAP through the church. Bring items with you or drop off on the third Thursday of each month in the Concordia parking lot. The next **drop-off date** is **Thursday, January 21 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.**

Kids Yoga is starting mid-January 2021: VLC and Chapel School families are invited to try some Kid's Story Time Yoga fun, a 30-minute Zoom class to keep those kids moving! The cost is \$8 per class and a portion will be donated to VLC. For more information and to sign up contact Cathleen Elliott by email to Cathleen@flyleafdesign.com.

Zoom Book Discussion - "Meant for More: In, With and Under the Ordinary" - On **Monday, January 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Pastor Hartwell explores the book with the author, VLC member and Concordia College President Dr. John Arthur Nunes. Copies of the book are available at church. Suggested donation is \$15. Join via Zoom video or dial in by telephone. For information, call the church office at 914-337-0207 (x1003) or email VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.org.

SOUP KITCHEN MEALS: On the second Wednesday of every month. Please sign up in advance to choose your food item, pick up an aluminum tray (back of church or Reception Area), prepare food at home, and drop off at church on the day of delivery. Our next date will be **February 10**. For more information, please contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org.

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Our current intention is to offer two in-person services at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion, as well as a virtual home prayer service online. Subsequent Lenten midweek prayer services will be held via Zoom. Watch for further details and updates as we prepare to enter into the holy season of Lent.

Women's Bible Study/LWML Group meets in person on the third Saturday of the month in the **MPR at 9:00 a.m.** The next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 20**. We continue to use the book *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On, Trusting God in the Tough Times* by Stormie Omartian. All women are welcome! For more information, please contact Deacon Wendy Krolides (914-391-9356) or Terry Vidal (terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).

Pandemic Potluck Cookbook - Want to try a new chili recipe for the playoffs? We've got three suggestions, plus lots more. Pick up a copy at the welcome table or send a request to Kim Zwisdak in the Development Office, by email to KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org or call (914) 337-0207, x1040.

Sunday School continues remotely for families at home. Videos are posted weekly and Grades 3-6 are invited to Zoom with Sunday School teachers on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. as well as on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. with Erika Schultz. If you need more information, please contact Superintendent Sarah Gleason at 914-610-0822 or chrisnysarah@netscape.net.

Cherubs Sing-along Zoom for our PK-2nd graders - 10:00am!

Join Mrs. Kate Marino and Joshua Gleason every 2nd and 4th Sunday (next session is January 24). Email Mrs. Marino at KMarino@TheChapelSchool.org for the Zoom link and she would love to include you.

Donuts and Discussion - Students in Grades 7-12 are invited to meet virtually on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. The Zoom info will be provided by text and email. Please contact Pastor Geminn at SGeminn@VLC-NY.org.

Winter Worship Schedule - The Saturday service has been temporarily suspended and will resume in late winter/early spring. We continue with two services on Sunday at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andis Akerfelds, Joan Bevers, Andy Boron, Bob Capabiancho, Frank Clark, Lillian DiMucci, Annabella Hansen, Robert Hartwell Sr., David & Linda James, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Frank Lyman, Joan Paliotta, Sylvia Puig, Linda Roth, Steve Smith, Ben Tashoff, Rod Tomlinson, Vincent Valentino, Milana Zirolnik

Bereavement Prayer Line: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

† **Leo Dudin**, long-time friend of the congregation and Good News Coffee House, who passed away on December 22, 2020

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