

Second Sunday after Epiphany



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To our Guests: Welcome!

Worship Patterns in Pandemic Days

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God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are participating remotely in this worship service. The Holy Spirit of God gathers us together as one. May each of us be strengthened through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Current Worship Protocols at Messiah

The worst of the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be behind us. Even so the virus lingers on. Some of us feel more threatened by it than others do. With this in mind, please note these protocols for our time together--

- We continue to encourage sensible social distancing.
- Masks are optional. Wear one or not as you prefer.
- All pews are available for seating. Please be sensitive to the comfort levels of the people near you.
- Singing is permitted.
- At the sharing of the Peace feel free to greet each other with handshakes, though again with sensitivity to any who would prefer to wave or nod.
- At communion we will continue to use the pouring chalice and individual cups. The pastors and servers will make sure to sanitize their hands before distributing the sacrament.
- In all that we do, let's make it our aim to love each other as Christ has loved us all.

Introduction to The Day

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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January 15, 8:30 & 11 am

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,” setting Matthew Machemer

Entrance

Stand as the cross enters from the side door

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of life,

**C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us
to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often
we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.**

**We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of
our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy
on us.**

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

**Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope
of eternal life in you. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s
promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In ✠ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the
ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Gathering Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise,” #310

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Prayer of the Day

See Today's Readings insert

Sit

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

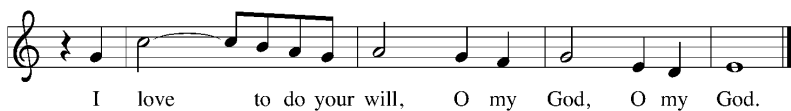
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The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-11

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain



Cantor sings verses in regular print;
All sing verses in bold print and refrain



¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or
to those who | follow lies. *Refrain*

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have | not required. *Refrain*

⁷And so I said, “Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸I love to do your will, | O my God;

your law is | deep within me.' ”

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the ¹ great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O ! LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love

and truth from the | great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and
your truth continually | keep me safe. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Choir/ Cantor Sings Refrain; then All Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor: In the Word was life,
And the life was the light of all people (John 1:4)*

All repeat: "Alleluia"

Gospel

John 1:29-42
See Today's Readings insert

At the announcement of the Gospel:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Dr. Cheryl Peterson

Stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,” #311

Silence for Reflection

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic 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 portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy. . .

C Hear our prayer

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

You may be seated

Music at the Offering

“Rise Up! Shine!” traditional

Arr. Daniel Schwandt (11) Choir

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*If the Lord so moves you, you can make an offering by text to 855-913-1744 or by visiting our
online giving portal at tinyurl.com/giveMLC*

A Let us pray. God of abundance,

C receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with
the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your
grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made
flesh. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . . now and forever.

C **Amen.**

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

You may be seated

Communion



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

“This Little Light of Mine,” ELW 677
“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether,” ELW 470

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you
in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts
of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as
messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your
glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Lord Now You Let Your Servant”



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre- pared in the

sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re- veal you to the

na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el.

Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it,

as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A- men

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Rigadon,” Campra, arr. James Biery

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Dr. Cheryl Peterson

Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Lindsay Baker (11)

Communion Assistants – Bob and Linda Stoddard (11)

Acolytes – Tyler Vance (8:30); Nikolas Skliros (11)

Messiah Choir (11) – Directed by Linda Kempke

Cantor – Brad Paton (8:30)

Organist – Linda Kempke

Deacons – Trish Kvasnicka (8:30); Alyssa Dory and Michael Eckert (11)

Usher – Ken Novak (11)

Altar Guild – Diane Paton, Debbie Luekens

In Our Prayers

For the ill: Donna Barth (sister of Kim Patton), Andrew Boraggina, David Fischer, Jane Hegg, Marc Heidmann, Sue Nerlinger, Steve Ruetschi, Bill Russell, Carol T. (friend of Nancy Kaska), Louise Vertal

In mourning: the family of Michael Matts

This Week's Commemorations

Jan. 15—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., d. 1968, the great American pastor and civil rights leader.

Jan. 17—ANTONY OF EGYPT, d. 346, and PACHOMIUS, d. 346, early leaders of the monastic movement in Egypt.

Jan. 18—THE CONFESSION OF PETER (see Mt. 16:13-20).

Jan. 19—HENRY OF UPPSALA, d. 1156, an Englishman who became bishop of Uppsala, Sweden, and led the evangelization of Finland.

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