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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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## Prelude

**Processional Hymn** *Please Stand Alternate Tune: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" "The Tree of Life"*

- ♪ The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.
- ♪ The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.
- ♪ What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need-  
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- ♪ Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

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

*Psalms 40:1, 3a*

It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob....

**I will make You as a light for the nations.**

*Isaiah 49:6*

## Confession and Absolution

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*A Time of Silence*

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Hymn of Praise** *Please Be Seated*

“All Glory Be to God on High”

- ♪ All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;  
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever. God shows His good and gracious will  
And grants His peace, the world to fill All strife at last has ended.
- ♪ We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,  
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never, With boundless pow’r,  
Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain. Lord grant us ev’ry blessing!
- ♪ O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father, Your saving death has made us one  
With God and with each other, O Lamb of God, to You on high  
In our distress we sinners cry, Have mercy on us, amen!
- ♪ O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation, Protect us from the devil’s might  
Through Jesus, our salvation, Who by His death upon a tree  
Has rescued us from misery: To this we hold forever.

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### **The Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 Reading**

Isaiah 49:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from 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 eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

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

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

“Seek Ye First”

♪ Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

♪ Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

♪ Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word

That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!

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## **Holy Gospel Please Stand**

John 1:29–42

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they

followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

### **Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

#### **The Hymn**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

- ♪ My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!
- ♪ May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
- ♪ While life’s dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow’s tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.
- ♪ When ends life’s transient dream, When death’s cold, sullen stream Shall o’er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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#### **Proclamation of the Word**

“Beholding Jesus!”

John 1:29–42

#### **Offering and Musical Offering**

##### **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand*

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

##### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

*Colossians 3:1*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Psalm 136*

## **Proper Preface**

**Sanctus Hymn**      *Music: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Hymn 892*

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by heav'nly hosts adored,  
All creation shows Your pow'r Shining star and fragile flow'r.  
Blest, the One who comes to save Christ, who for our sins You gave.  
Sing hosanna, ev'ryone. Sing hosanna to God's Son.

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## **Words of Our Lord**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Agnus Dei Hymn**      *Music: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Hymn 892*

♪ Jesus, God's own Lamb, we pray As You take all sin away,  
Hear us as we call Your name That with You we may remain.  
You came to us from above; You have poured on us God's love.  
Take our sin, give us Your peace, Till our days on earth shall cease.

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**Distribution Hymns** *Please Be Seated*      "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

♪ Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

♪ Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

♪ Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

♪ Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

- ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
 With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
 Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
 That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
- ♪ Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
 In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
 Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
 Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?
- ♪ Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
 Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
 Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
 But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Hymn *Music: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” Hymn 892*

- ♪ Father, let us now depart; You have shown to us Your heart.  
 We have seen salvation here—Christ, who gave Himself, so dear.  
 For the nations light is He, Israel’s promised glory see.  
 To the Father, Spirit, Son, Has our endless praise begun.

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## Benediction

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.  
**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

## Recessional Hymn

“Lamb of God”

- ♪ Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
 To walk upon this guilty sod, And to be called the Lamb of God.  
 ~O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
 O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!
- ♪ Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
 The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ~O Lamb...
- ♪ I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
 To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. ~O Lamb....

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## Postlude