

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



“Jesus said, ‘fill the jars with water...’.” John 2:1-11

Church Of Our Saviour

“Our Mission: to live out the gospel by transforming lives and neighborhoods in partnership, with innovation, and with compassion.”

January 16, 2022
10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett, Rector
Peter Wright, Choir Director
Michael McGroarty, Musician.

Church Of Our Saviour Episcopal

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We invite you to experience God's love and ours. We are a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are bound together by our common liturgy, not a rigid set of doctrines. So how we sing and pray and relate to one another is very important to us. Wherever you are on your journey, we have a place for you and invite you to make your place with us. Come share our joys and sorrows as we share in yours. God is alive for everyone here regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or life history. Join singles, couples, partners and families of every description that make up our community of faith. Rejoice with us in our diversity.

Parish Prayer

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of Our Saviour be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcome, Guests

If you are joining us online for the first time this morning, we hope you will consider making Church of Our Saviour your church home during this period of suspended in-person worship.

Liturgy of the Word

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Ringing of the “Welcome” Bell

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

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Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*

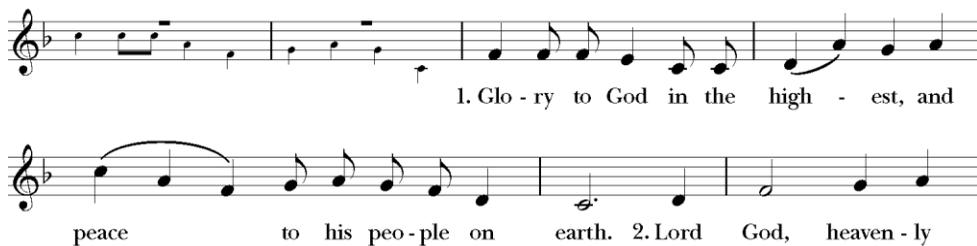
Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The following is sung

Gloria

S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

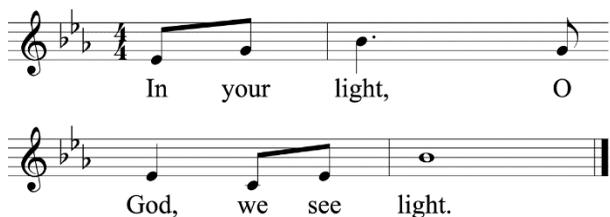
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
Response: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 36:5-10 The psalm is sung by the cantor. Cantor will sing refrain and congregation will repeat, subsequent refrains will be sung by the congregation

Psalm 36



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Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

Refrain

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

Refrain

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart. *Refrain*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

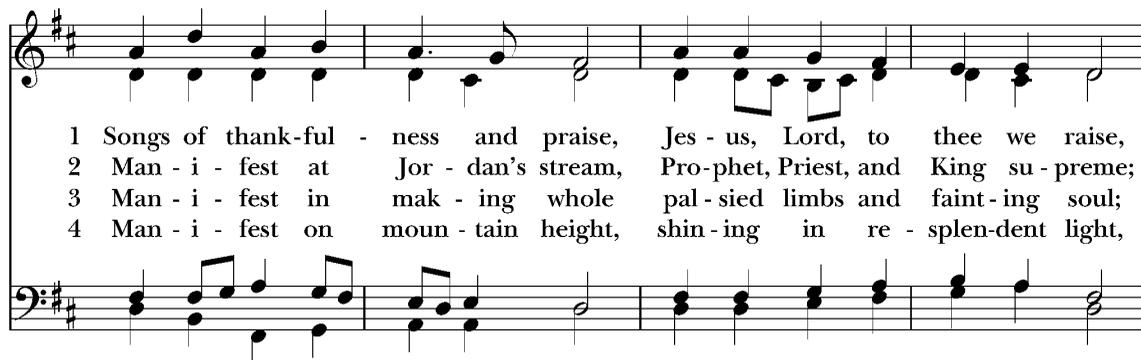
Response: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

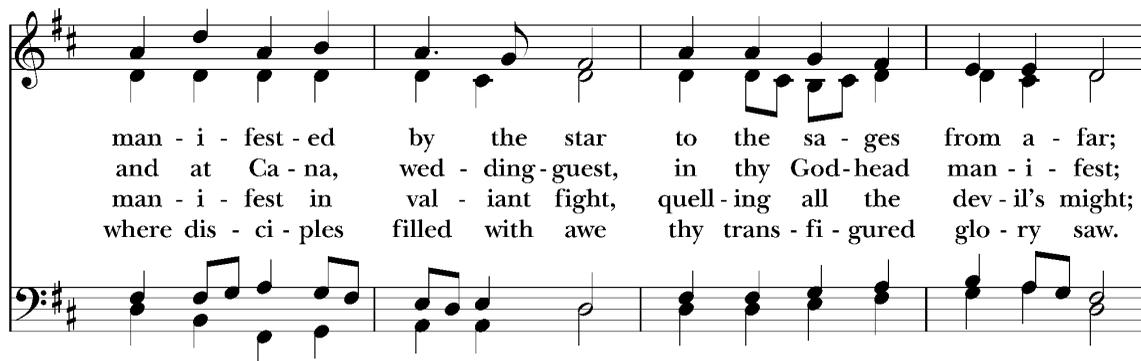
Hymnal #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

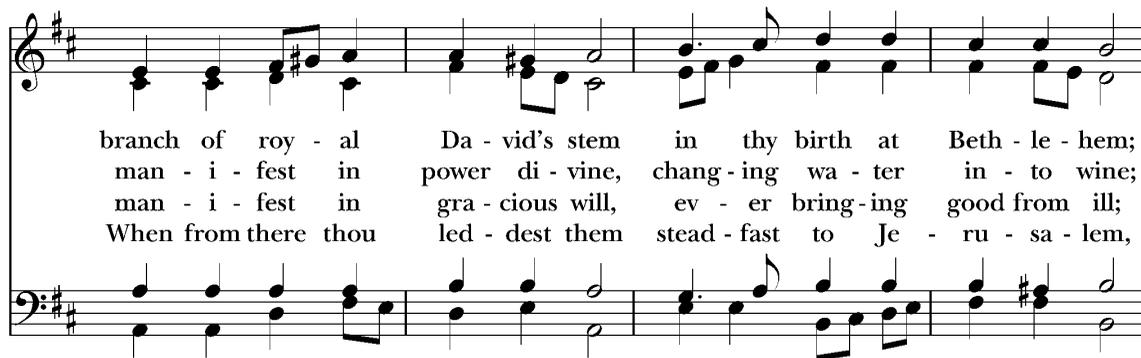
Salzburg



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

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an - them's be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - them's be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - them's be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People's Response before the Gospel Proclamation: **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

People's Response following the Gospel Proclamation: **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

The Sermon:

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett

The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP p. 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us.

A brief silence

Intercessor: We give you thanks for the gift of your church, where we are fed and hear your word. Strengthen us with your Spirit that we might be gifts to others. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Mark, Bill and Arthur, our priest Debra in their proclamation of the Gospel. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We give you thanks for the world around us. Equip us to care for our environment, to add to its beauty and wonder, especially those places marred by war and abuse. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We give you thanks for our homes and the communities in which we live. Bind us to our neighbors in this place and throughout the world, making us brothers and sisters to one another. We pray for President Biden and our state and local government. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We give you thanks for your healing word. Write it on the bodies, hearts, and minds of those who suffer physically, mentally, or spiritually (especially... David, Pam, Susan, Joe, Chris, Derwood, Ruth, Judy, Glynn, Patricia, Patty, Tom, Danny, Emily, Rob, Jeff, Mikey, Anthony, Norma, Clarence, Dan, Steve, Leslie, Nancy R., Marilyn M., Bill, Marsha, Roger, William, Mitchell, Bob, Kym, Kelly, Stephanie, Joslyn, Mia, Virginia, Michelle, Chris D., Randy

and Helen, Raymond, Katie, Robin, Susan S., Judy, Richard and Joyce Metz, Shirley W., Sandy, Ramon, Tim, Dianne, Hannah, Mary, Julie, Amy, David, Karly, Christina, Jeff, Richard D., Tammy, David S., Michael D., Eve & Katie, Rita, Donna C, Jim, Deidre, Chester, Janice, Ron, Eric, Karla, Bree, Phil, Fred, Laura, Nancy G., David, Jo, Jim, Gail, Diante, David, Eve, Janice, Judith D., Shawn, Christopher, Lisa, Jordan, Scott, Vince, Frank, Allen, Susan TB., Nicole H., Ed, the Palm family, the Gonel and Severe family, David, Gerald, Jim E, Courtney, Doris, M. Jane. The Kay family, the Tutu family, the Lewis family, Diante, the victims and families of the recent tornadoes, the victims of the Colorado & Bronx fires, the people of Haiti, the people of Afghanistan, and the people of Cambodia especially those living in Prey Lang Forest), so that your Spirit might give them relief from their pain. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Bring comfort and grace to all those affected by the COVID-19 contagion, especially parents of children home from school, people dependent on food pantries, the homeless, the unemployed, students & teachers, health care workers & first responders, daycare workers and funeral directors, especially Mo and Rita. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for all seminarians as they continue their discernment toward ordination, especially Marla. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for all those who are currently serving in the military, that they will be safe and may know the peace that only you can give. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We give you thanks for the gift of relationships founded in you. Bless the commitments and promises we have made to one another, and bring wholeness to those whose relationships are broken. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor says: You may add other intercessions either silently or aloud. (A brief silence to allow for intercessions Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We give you thanks for the great feast you have prepared for us to share with all the saints. We pray for all the faithful departed. Let light perpetual shine upon them. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

♬ LEVAS II #46 Blessed Martin, Pastor, Prophet

Harold T. Lewis

1. Ho - ly God, you raise up proph-ets; Praise and hon - or do we sing,
2. Mo - ral con-science of his na - tion, Re - con - cil - ing black and white,
3. Teach - er of Christ - like non - vio - lence To the out - cast, poor and meek;
4. Preach - er of Christ's love for neigh - bor, He won No - bel's prize for peace;

1. For your faith - ful, hum - ble ser - vant, Doc - tor Mar - tin Luth - er King.
2. Dreamed he of a just so - cie - ty, we must car - ry on his fight.
3. Great - er weap - on 'gainst op - pres - sion Is to turn the o - ther cheek.
4. Peo - ples, beat your swords to plough - shares, Wars 'twixt na - tions all shall cease.

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Refrain

Bless - ed Mar - tin, pas - tor, proph-et, you the moun-tain - top did see;

Bless - ed Mar - tin, ho - ly mar-tyr: Pray that we may_ all be free.

5. Champion of oppressed humanity
 Suff'ring throughout all the world;
 He offered pride and dignity
 Let Christ's banner be unfurled!
Refrain

6. So, when felled by sniper's bullet,
 Under heavens overcast,
 He could cry, "Thank God Almighty,
 I am free, I'm free at last!"
Refrain

Confession of Sin

The celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
 We confess that 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 neighbor as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace “The Peace of Christ be always with you”

Response: “And also with you”

Commemorative Prayers

The priest offers prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events

Announcements

Lord’s Prayer

People and Presider

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,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Epiphany Blessing

May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as his children, grant you grace. *Amen.*

May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep you in peace. *Amen.*

♪♪Closing Hymn

WLP #778 We are all one in mission

Nyland

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

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our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

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to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Who is Serving This Week:

Lector: Chris M., John Mc.

Birthdays This Week:

January 20—Mike Kemp

*Happy
 Birthday*