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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

17 January 2021 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn 470 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

- 1 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
- 2 There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant says Collect for Purity
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Hymn of Praise 413 “New Songs of Celebration Render”

- 1 New songs of celebration render to him who has great wonders done;
awed by his love his foes surrender and fall before the Mighty One.
He has made known his great salvation which all his friends with joy confess;
he has revealed to every nation his everlasting righteousness. . . .
- 3 Rivers and seas and torrents roaring, honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
mountains and stones look up adoring and find a voice to praise his Name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious, praises be his that never cease;
just is our God, whose truth victorious establishes the world in peace.

The Collect of the Day

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Celebrant says Collect of the Day

Lesson

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel. [1 Samuel 3:1-10] The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Hymn 812 [WLP]

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
*[Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart*
- 2 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? *[Chorus]*
- 3 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, They turn away. *[Chorus]*

Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians. [1 Corinthians 6:12-20] The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 550 "Jesus Calls Us" [alternate tune: Gallilee]

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me;"
- 2 as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [John 1:43-51] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor concludes each petition: Lord, in your mercy

And the People reply: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Confession and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest 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 *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People

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.

The Blessing *reminds us we are blessed to be a blessing*

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be hands and heart of the Messiah in this world, and the blessing . . .

Closing Hymn 371 “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

- 1 Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
- 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the in-ly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters’ face
bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth’s darkest place, let there be light!

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The Dismissal *sends us to love, share and serve*

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



If this were a normal Sunday, we would be keeping today as our Patronal Festival, being the Sunday of the Confession of St. Peter when he proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah (see Matthew 16:13-19). Let us give thanks for the boldness of Peter and continually join in living our lives as examples of Peter’s faith and confidence in Jesus our Messiah.

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