

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



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*Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.* During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are working to keep you, our congregants, and the wider community safe. We ask that you take an active part in these efforts. Please keep your mask on at all times and retain social distance of at least six feet between you and others. Restrooms are available on a very limited basis; speak to an usher if you have need. There is to be no singing by the congregation, though you are welcome to respond to the spoken elements of the liturgy. Finally, communion has been prepared with safety precautions, and will be distributed in one kind (bread only). Receive the host at the front of the church, then return to your seat. Pastor will indicate when it is time to consume the host.

There is an offering plate at the rear of the main aisle for you to place your offerings and contributions.

Finally, you are asked to please refrain from applause at the conclusion of the Organ Voluntary at the end of the Liturgy. Thank you!



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VOLUNTARY

Eric Thiman

Chorale Prelude on SLANE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*-The Assembly will please stand-*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen.**
- P. Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.  
Holy God:
- C. **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**
- P. How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
- C. **Amen.**

THE HYMN

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!  
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression and rule in equity.
- 2 You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.
- 3 You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.  
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.  
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

## GREETING

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PLAINSONG

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray:

C. **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the 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.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and 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. <sup>6</sup>The 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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"  
And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Lector:       The word of the Lord.

Assembly:   **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

*Please read responsively: Lectern side, Bold Print; Pulpit side, Plain Print*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>“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. <sup>13</sup>“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. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do 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! <sup>16</sup>Do 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.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or 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? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Lector:           The word of the Lord.

Assembly:       **Thanks be to God.**

*-The Assembly will please stand-*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia! Alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip 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.”<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”<sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”<sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”<sup>51</sup> And 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*-The Assembly will please sit-*

**SERMON**

*-The Assembly will please stand-*

**THE HYMN**

SLANE

**Be Thou My Vision**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 INTERCESSION

Petition response: **Have mercy, O God.**

PEACE

*-The Assembly will please sit-*

OFFERING

LUX IN TENEBRIS

**Light Shone in Darkness**

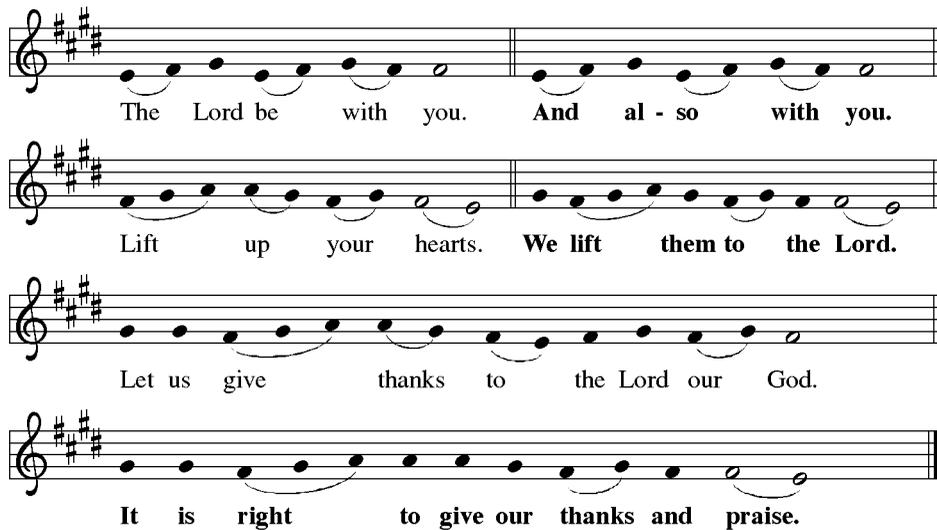
- 1 Light shone in darkness at the world's creation,  
bathing in beauty nature's revelation.  
All that has being, cry in adoration,  
"Praise for the light. Amen!"
- 2 Light shone in darkness at the new creation;  
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.  
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,  
praise for the light. Amen!
- 3 Light shines in darkness till the full creation;  
Christ's body, groaning, suffers tribulation,  
longs for God's justice, global transformation,  
prays for the light. Amen!

*-The Assembly will please stand-*

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A. Let us pray:  
C. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

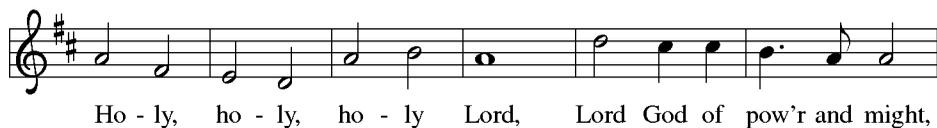
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

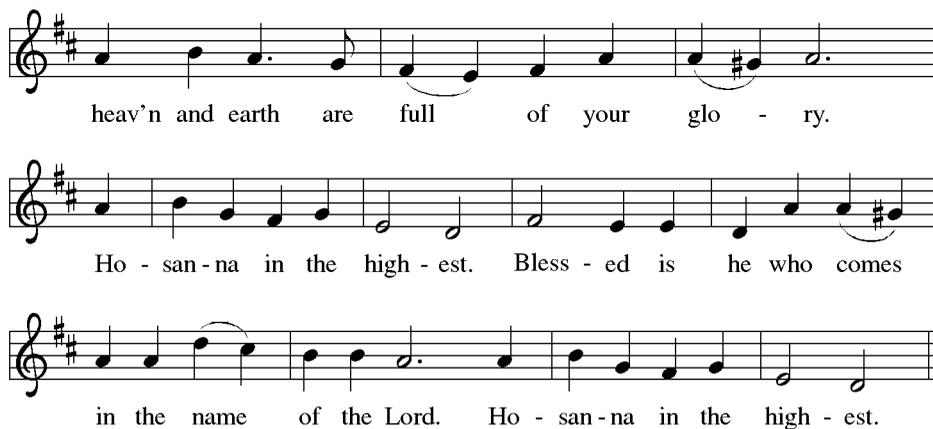
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### MYSTERY OF FAITH

- P. ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
 C. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### CONCLUSION OF THE THANKSGIVING

- P. ...in your holy church, both now and forever.  
 C. **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P. Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- C. Holy food for holy people.

*-The Assembly will please sit-*

### LAMB OF GOD

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Those who wish to are invited to receive communion in one kind (bread only). Communion has been prepared with safety precautions. *Keeping 3 pews apart*, approach the front of the church where you will receive the host. Hold the host in your hand while you return to your seat. Once everyone is seated, the pastor will invite the congregation to consume the host together.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## PLAINSONG

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

a light to reveal you to the nations

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Amen.

*-The Assembly will please stand-*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray:

C. **Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

- A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C. **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

Postlude Alla Marcia

Eric Thiman

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