

# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

January 19, 2025 Year C

10:30 am

\* indicates please stand

**Prelude** Chaconne in E minor

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

**\*Processional Hymn** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (*Salzburg*)

**Hymnal #135**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria**

**Hymnal #S-236**

## Collect of the Day

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.*

## First Lesson

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 36:5–10

*Sung by the choir*

*Dixit injustus*

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

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

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

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.

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

### **The Epistle 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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**\*Gradual** The people who in darkness walked (*Dundee*)

**Hymnal #126 vv. 1–3**

### **\*The Gospel Reading**

**John 2:1–11**

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

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**\*Sequence** The people who in darkness walked (*Dundee*)

**Hymnal #126 vv. 4–5**

**\*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**

May the Divine Word be so knit together with the intentions of our hearts that God will call us “delight” and crown us with beauty as we offer our prayers, responding, “Hear us, God of glory.”

+ Illuminate the Church with your light, O Christ, that we may honor the gifts which you have bestowed upon our sisters and brothers, knowing that through them you offer your blessings to all people on earth; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ Grant us gratitude to accept the treasures which you have placed within our hearts, and the generosity to use them in bringing to birth your eternal promises; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ By the power of your Holy Spirit, silence the weapons of destruction which tear the fabric of social justice and devastate the dignity of human life, and let the rivers of peace flow upon the peoples of the earth; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ Purify us from prejudice, convert our perilous thoughts, lest in denigrating any of your beloved we reject your Christ; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ Visit all whose hearts ache with loss, shame, anger, rejection, abuse, hunger, betrayal, and all the other roads to despair upon which your Son set his redeeming feet on the path of this earthly life; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ Grant us the ability to wed our prayers to action, join our concerns to personal commitment, and accept within our souls the marriage of God's grace with the frailty of human nature, that we may drink deep from the wine of Jesus' salvation and pass the cup of his love to others; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ Open the gates of paradise to all who have worshiped and obeyed you to the end, especially for Ryan Damien; for this we pray.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

May God's glory continually be revealed through our prayers and thanksgivings.

Almighty God of mercy and compassion, you sent your Son Jesus to teach us the things that make for peace; help the leaders of this world to lay down their weapons of war. Help those who make decisions on behalf of the people of Israel and of Gaza to safeguard human life and flourishing and turn away from death and destruction. Help us living in the United States to use our liberty and safety to speak on behalf of those who live in deprivation and danger, and save us from denial and complicity in the evils we deplore, and as we labor, give comfort, strength, and safety to all of your children in the land we call Holy. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy and Eternal God, who in mercy companion those in harm's way, shower compassion on those who this day contend with fire and flame, smog and smoke, destruction and devastation. Protect the fleeing, guard the safe, strengthen the serving, comfort the grieving, fortify the fearful. From the dust and despair, bring hope. From the ash and anguish, bring new life. From the flames and fear, bring faith; all for the sake of your Love. *Amen.* —*Bishop Deon K. Johnson*

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Roger	Bev	Howard	Jane	Lorraine
Charles	Virginia	Miranda	Jack	Edith
Wes	Cece	Cathy	Julianne	Terry
Shirley	Linda	Joan	Ted	Olivia

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Jim Henry, Kelsey Schreiber, Geoff Van Fleet, Phoebe Clark, Cece Hedrick

## **Confession Of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 neighbors 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.*

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 the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**Announcements & Welcome**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem** O Sacred Feast

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

**\*Presentation Hymn** How wondrous and great (*Lions*)

**Hymnal #533**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts

**People:** We lift them to the Lord

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus*)

**Hymnal #S-130**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

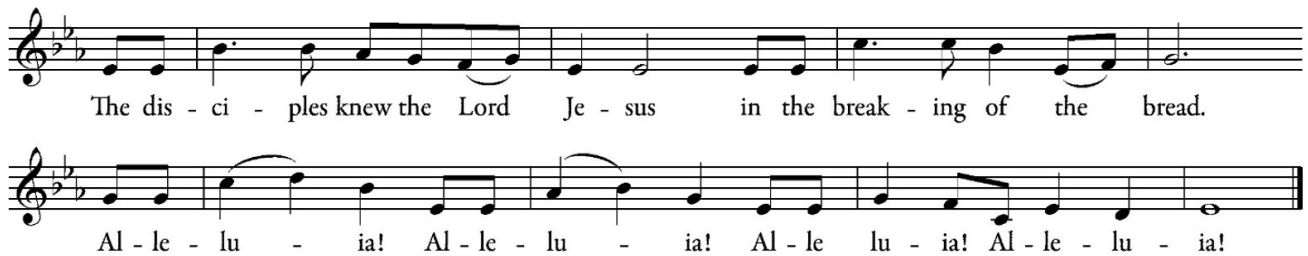
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Fraction Anthem

Michael McCarthy (b. 1955)



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Communion of the People

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Music** Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (*Schmucke dich*)

**Hymnal #339**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

**\*Recessional** Christ, whose glory fills the skies (*Ratisbon*)

**Hymnal #7**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude** Praeludium in D minor

Johann Krebs (1713–80)

**Crucifer:** Stephanie Nevels

**Acolyte:**

**Liturgical Ministers:** Ceril Sandstrom, Jerome Fung, Amber Massa

**Virtual Vergers:** John Jackson, Amber Massa

*Today we welcome the Rev. Kit Tobin as celebrant and guest preacher.*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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**Please Join Us** for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

**Forward Day by Day** for **February, March, and April** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Flowers:** If you wish to give candles or Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).



## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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### Hymns

#### **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

*(Salzburg)*

#### **Hymnal #135**

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the Magi from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.  
Christ will then like lightning shine;  
all will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear.  
You by all will be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do  
imitate and honor you  
that we all like you may be  
at your great epiphany  
and may praise you, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

#### **The people who in darkness walked**

*(Dundee)*

#### **Hymnal #126**

1. The people who in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light;  
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn  
who dwelt in death and night.

2. To hail thy rising, Sun of life,  
the gathering nations come,  
joyous as when reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

3. To us the promised Child is born,  
to us the Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
and all the hosts of heaven.

4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace  
for evermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the Mighty God and Lord.

5. His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below.

**How wondrous and great (*Lyons*)  
Hymnal #533**

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God  
of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are  
thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor  
thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth thy light shall  
be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to  
thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread  
all abroad,  
till earth's every people confess thee  
their God.

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness  
(*Schmucke dich*)  
Hymnal #339**

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the best that any knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth:  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.

3 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited;  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
(*Ratisbon*)  
Hymnal #7**

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph over shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear!

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
as they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.