

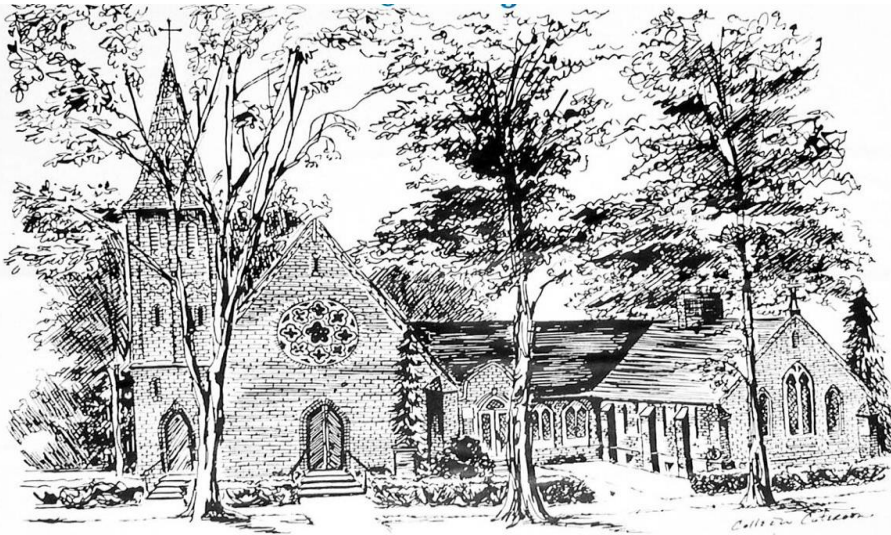
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## Service of Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2020

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM - Online  
Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

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# SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

## RINGING OF THE BELL BY ORGAN

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*We Three Kings*

arr. Sorenson

### OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

***Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:***

***You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.***

***Forgive us, Holy God.***

***Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.***

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

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***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 JUBILATE Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:\***

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God:\***

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;\*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
**but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
**and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
**your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
**while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
**they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
**how great is the sum of them!**
- 17 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.**

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

**THE LESSONS**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING - 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)**

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.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 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. 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH** Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,\*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land;\*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise,\*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light,\*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open,\*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord,\*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence will no more be heard in your land,\*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,\*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day;\*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light,\*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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 EPISTLE READING - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

“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. “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. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 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! 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.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 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? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord  
*People:* Thanks be to God

**The Song of the Redeemed Revelation 15:3-4  
*O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,\*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name?\**  
*for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
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.***

#### **ORGAN MEDITATION**

*Offertory on O Jesulein Suss*

arr. Paxton

#### **THE GOSPEL - John 1:43-51**

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

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## THE HOMILY

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

**THE 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.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Jesus calls on us to follow him. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns and hopes of all God's people, saying: *God of grace, hear us, we pray.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop, and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda that we may introduce others to Christ through our lives, deeds, and words. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may be counted among those who listen to God's voice, and delight to do God's will. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For greater unity among the followers of Jesus, so that all Christians may work together to confront evil, and further the work of God's reign. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For the healing of our nation, that walls of division and brokenness may be replaced with trust, justice and harmony, and that together we may work for the good and welfare of all. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris, that as they assume their offices, God will guide them in leading the nation and promoting the values of freedom, justice, and human dignity. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those with Covid19, and all those who put their lives on the line to serve, and save others, that God will give them strength, and keep them safe. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially ..... that they may know the light of God's healing presence and love. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those who have died, remembering especially ..... that God will call them by name and welcome them into eternal joy and peace., God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Peter the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* God of mystery, whose voice calls us by name, hear the prayers of your people and give us childlike faith to listen to your words and be ready to follow you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

#### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

#### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*In Excelsis Deo*

arr. Ellis

**Officiant:**

**Announcements & Lector:**

**Organist: Joyce Printz**