

Morning Prayer – Rite II
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Prelude: 'How bright appears the morning star' *Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735)*
Organist: Wayne Hatwich

Opening Hymn: "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" **Hymn #7**

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| 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; Day-star, 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. | |

Welcome and Announcements:

Preparation for Worship

Officiant: **O** Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: You laid the foundation of the earth

All: **and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

Officiant: Blessed are you, sovereign God, creator of heaven and earth, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your living Word, eternal in heaven, assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh, may the light of your love be born in us to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Opening Prayer

Officiant: **T**he night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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.**

The Priest alone stands and 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord open our lips

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Your light springs up for the righteous and all the peoples have seen your glory.

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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. **Amen.**

Epiphany Verse:

“O love, how deep”
(stanzas 1 & 2)
Vocalist: Jennifer Smith

Hymn #449

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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.”

Here ends the Lesson.

Gradual Hymn:

“Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor”

Hymn #307

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first-begotten from the dead. Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou art here, we ask not how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! We in worship join with them. We in worship join with them.

Second Lesson

A Reading from John

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.”

Here ends the Lesson.

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

Hymn:

“What wondrous love is this”

Hymn #439

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul!
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

**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:

Deacon: Jesus calls on us to follow him in all the world. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

For our parish family of Emmanuel that we have the grace to grow into our calling in worship, service, stewardship, and mission.

Today we especially remember those celebrating birthdays, *Thomas Beck* (01/19); and those celebrating anniversaries, especially *Dale & Mendy Thomas* (01/17).

For Paula, our bishop elect, for priests, deacons, and all who minister in the name of Christ.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, remembering especially Mary, Maryanne, Owen, Nick, Rich, Sam, Patrick, Sean, and Trish.

For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed, especially Ellen *Erkert*, Larry *Miller*, Kristen *Garza*, Douglas *Hanserd*, Gerald *Millard*, and Jim *Renick*.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Celebrant: God of mystery, lover of human kind, hear the prayers of your people and keep us ready always to serve as prophets and apostles of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing and Closing Sentence

May God, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light, bless us and fill us with peace.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain with you today and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Christ is the world's true Light”

Hymn #542

1. Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation, the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway: freedom he bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
2. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.
3. One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace and reign.

Postlude:

“Improvisation on 'Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"
(Bryn Calfaria) Op.16

Paul Manz

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. There are no in-person meetings.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!:

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Aspire Presents: Join us on **Wednesday, January 27, at 7 pm**, for the sixth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the sixth and final of the series that will highlight – Samuel Seabury presented by Barrie Gibby. Go to www.emmanuelrockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. **Reader 1: Barrie Gibby**
 Reader 2: Alan Gibby

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