



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

10:15 a.m.



*There was a wedding
in Cana.
It was here
that Jesus did
the first of his signs,
and revealed his glory.*

John Ch. 2

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Prelude

✠ Processional Song

“In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

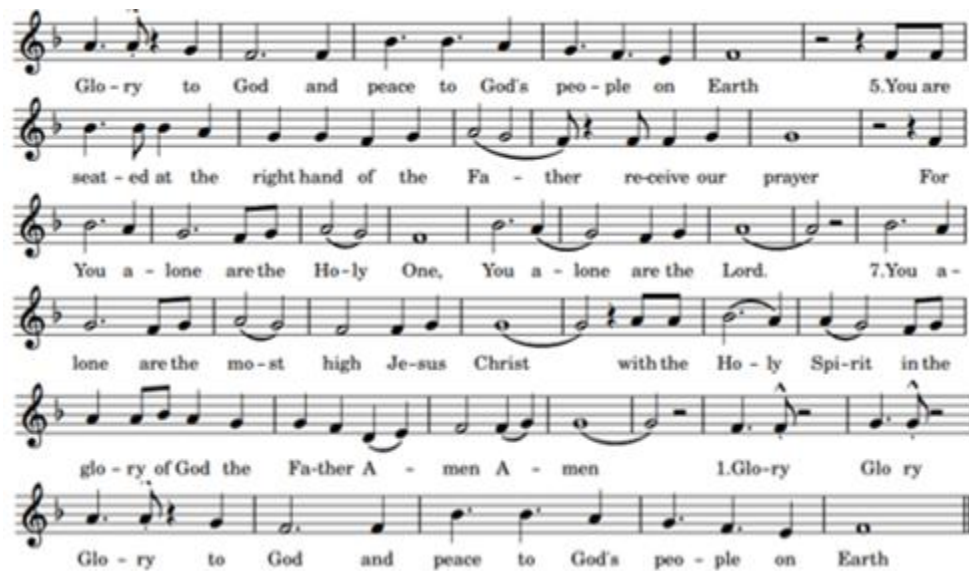
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension
Donna Parker

1. Glo-ry Glo ry Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on
Earth 2. Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor - ship You we give You thanks we praise you for Your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God you take a -
way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1. Glo-ry Glo ry



The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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 First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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

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

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

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

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 Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.**

Children's Chapel

Children ages 3 – 8 and their Leaders exit to "Children's Chapel," returning at the Peace.

✠ Sequence Song

"Thy Word"

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my
feet and a light unto my path

1. When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my
way. Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end.

2. I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

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The Holy Gospel: 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.**

Sermon

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

✠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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the Church, especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Carrie our bishop, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this Parish Family, that we who are baptized may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our elected leaders and new President, that you may guide them in executing the duty of their offices faithfully and solemnly for the good of all of us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that wars and violence may cease everywhere, that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new pathways for all who are at odds to recognize the good in one another.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from the cold, those affected by the fires in California, those who lack the physical and financial resources they need, those who are in need of a shepherd's care, and those who suffer, especially Sherry, Jenny, Molly, Bill, Bob, Ernest, Rich, Kadaj, Mary, Rick, Kathy, Kevin, (*pause*) that they may hear God's affirmation that they are beloved. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ted and Margaret that they may walk in your presence. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may receive the fulfillment of that blessed hope bestowed in baptism. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, John the Baptist and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Thank you for your financial support! To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.

Offertory

“Glorify Your Name”

by Donna Adkins

1. Father, we love you, we praise you we adore you. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you, we praise you we adore you. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

3. Spirit, we love you, we praise you we adore you. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name. Glorify your Name in all the earth.

✠ Presentation Hymn

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #380, v. 3



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Ho-ly Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might

8 Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -

16 est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na

26 in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

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Christ has died Christ is ris-en Christ will come A - gain

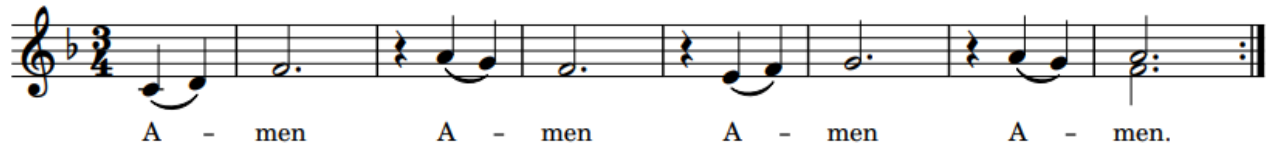
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Peter, Hilary, Anthony, and all your saints, from every tribe, language, people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

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.

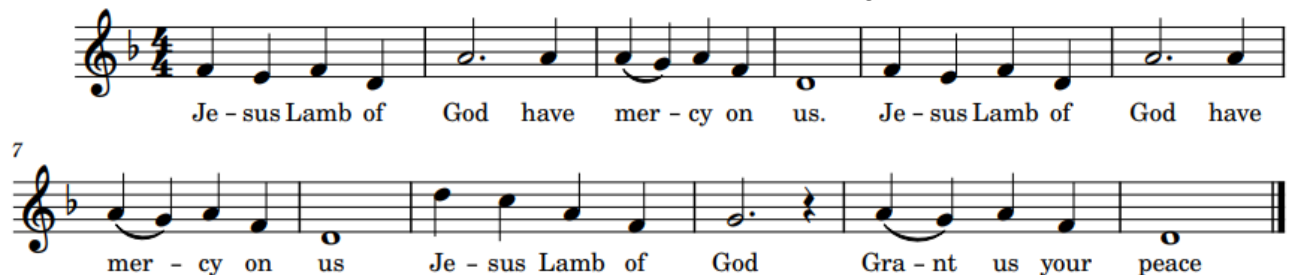
The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God” Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Songs

“Do This In Memory Of Me”

1. I am the bread of life
All who believe in Me will have eternal life
I am the bread of life
Come down from heaven
So that all who eat this bread will never die

2. I am the bread of life
Whoever comes to Me will not hunger again
I am the bread of life
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draws them near to Him

Chorus:

Take the living bread of life
Take the cup of sacrifice
Do this in memory of Me
Take the body and the blood
Given freely out of love
Do this in memory of Me
Do this in memory of Me

Amen I say to you
Unless you eat the flesh
Of the Son of Man and drink His blood
You shall not have life
All who will eat My flesh and drink
My blood will have eternal life
And I will raise them up again

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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✠ Post Communion Prayer

From Enriching Our Worship

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing of God and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Song

“Mighty to Save”

1. Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

2. So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus:

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Assistants	January 19	January 26
Organist	Donna Parker	Mary Butler
Musicians	Praise Ensemble	Adult Ensemble, Handbell Choir
Ushers	David Horn, Beatrice Howe	David and Ellen Anderson
Acolyte	Raymond Lui	<i>1 needed</i>
Lector	Roberta Gore	Betsy Reinders
Chalicians	Kim Tompkins, Kat Dittrich, Betsy Reinders, Sandy White	Betsy Reinders, Sandy White, <i>2 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Emelia Howe	Jeanne Cox
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff	Gabriel Hoff

January Altar Guild: Team 5

Bobbie Gooding Susan Considine Debbie Linard Liz Lowe Merle Martin

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Pierre-Henry+ and Sophie Buisson in thanksgiving for their children.

Attendance - January 12:

8:00 am - 31 10:15 am In-person - 71 YouTube - 6 Facebook - 1 **Total: 109**

Readings for Next Sunday: Third Sunday after the Epiphany - C

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

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