

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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## Welcome/Announcements

**The First of Many**

### **As We Gather**

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

## PREPARATION

### **Opening Songs**

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty!  
Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which were, and are, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, Though the darkness hide Thee.  
Though the eye of sinful man, Your glory may not see.  
Only You are holy; there is none beside Thee.  
Perfect in power, in love in purity.

Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty!  
All Your works shall praise Your NAME in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
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### **How Can I Keep From Singing (Chris Tomlin)**

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on  
To the rock I cling

#### *Chorus:*

How can I keep from singing Your praise  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love  
How can I keep from shouting Your Name  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through  
And sing the songs You give

#### *Chorus*

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

How can I keep from singing Your praise  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love  
How can I keep from shouting Your Name

I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 117:2; 36:7*

- P** Great is His steadfast love toward us,  
**C** and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

- P** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
**C** The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

- P** Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

*The congregation may exchange the peace of the Lord.*

## WORD

### Psalm

*Psalm 128*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!

<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion!  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children!  
Peace be upon Israel!

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.  
<sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as he wills.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Verse

*John 2:11*

**P** Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

**C** **And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, **“Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”** <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, **“Fill the jars with water.”** And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, **“Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.”** So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Song of the Day

### Our God (Chris Tomlin)

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind  
there's no one like you none like You!  
Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise  
there's no one like you none like You!

#### Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

#### *Instrumental*

#### Bridge

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.  
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.  
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#### *Chorus 2x*

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## Sermon

Guest Pastor, Rev. Terry Cripe

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Silence for prayer and meditation.*



**P** Merciful Father, You have richly restored Your people, stained by sin and marked by death. Fill us with Your grace that we may rejoice in the mercy You have shown to us and be kept holy and blameless in Christ all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Blessed Lord Jesus, in Your compassion, You visited a wedding in Cana of Galilee and placed Your blessing upon every Christian home and family. Uplift us by Your Spirit that our homes may be places of blessing and peace where forgiveness is asked and granted without limit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Lord, You have established Your church as Christ's Bride and clothed her in His own righteousness. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will proclaim Your goodness and lead us to sing Your praises within Your church and to give faithful witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Father, You have ordered all things by Your grace. Continue to bless us and our land with an abundance of resources, generous hearts, and faithful leaders, that Your name may be preserved and we may be governed according to Your Word and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You make glad the hearts of men with the choicest of wine. Keep us always from turning Your gifts into burdens or using them in ways that would harm us and our life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Compassionate Father, You bear our burdens and have saved us by Your grace. Help the afflicted to bear in faith the burdens of their illnesses, and grant them healing and comfort according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Blessed Lord, You bore the weakness of our human flesh even to death and the grave so that we might be raised in You, never to die again. Deliver the grieving from their sorrows and restore us who live in the shadow of death with the promise of life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of love, You daily and richly supply us with more than we deserve or dare ask. Grant to us a grateful heart and a generous spirit, that we may sacrificially support the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world, and give assistance to the poor and needy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may be included here.*

**P** We praise You, O Lord, for giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His own gift of this bread of His body and this cup of His blood. Bless our communion at this altar, and bring us at last into the fullness of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Offering:** If you were prepared to bring an offering today, you may leave it as you exit the sanctuary. Member/Visitor and Prayer Request cards may be left with your offering as well. Thank you

## SACRAMENT

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

# Distribution Songs

## How Beautiful (Twila Paris)

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread  
And the sons of the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads  
And the hill to the cross

### Chorus

How beautiful how beautiful  
How beautiful is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin  
And bore it instead

How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive  
And never despise

*Chorus*

(Bridge)

And as He laid down His life  
We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as He died  
Willing to pay the price  
Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the radiant Bride  
Who waits for her Groom  
With His light in her eyes  
How beautiful when humble hearts give  
The fruit of pure lives  
So that others may live

*Chorus*

How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news  
And the love of the King  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread  
And the sons of the earth

*Chorus*

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## **Breathe**

This is the air I breathe,  
This is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence  
living in me.

This is my daily bread,  
this is my daily bread,  
your very word  
spoken to me

*Chorus:*

And I, . . .

I'm desperate for you.

And I, . . .

I'm Lost without you.

*Repeat all from beginning*

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**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

*Psalm 118:1*

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Song

### LSB 922 Go My Children, With My Blessing

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story.  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace.  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace.  
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

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