

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 17, 2021



MORNING PRAYER
BRUCE A. STEINWAY OFFICIATING

Prelude *"Lord God Now Open Wide Thy Heaven"* J.S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one [+]God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God. [*kneeling or sitting*]

Gracious God, have mercy upon us. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [+]Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn #403 ELW *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

O Lord, open my lips: **And my 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.

Give glory to God, our light and our life:

O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In your hands are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. 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.

Scripture readings

I Corinthians 6:11b-20

And this is what some of you used to be. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. "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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

John 1:43-51

The next day 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn #667, *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord be with you: **And also, with you.**

Let us pray. Mighty God of glory, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of the risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially do we thank you-

for the sustaining goodness of your creation...
for the new creation in Christ, and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...
for the gifts of community with others...
for the communion of faith in your church...
for light in our darkness...hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray-
for those who govern the nations of the world, especially the new President and Congress of this nation...
for people in places ravaged by strife or warfare...
for all who work to bring peace and justice...
for all who strive to save and protect the earth...
for the church of Christ in every land...
for those whose needs we know, especially Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kevin, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Nancy, Frank, George, Caroline, Mary...
and for those who have no one else to pray for them...
Hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
Our Father...

Hymn #250, *Blest be the God of Israel*

Concluding Prayers and Blessing

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin or be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #737, *He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God: Father, [+]Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude *“To Heathen Folk He Hath Brought Light”* J.S. Bach