

Sunday, January 20, 2019
Second Sunday after Epiphany

ANTHEM

"Sing Unto the Lord"
Chancel Choir

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***GATHERING SONG**

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

ELW 167

Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain***

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain***

**For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *Refrain***

***GREETING**

☞ *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

☞ *And also with you.*

***GLORY TO GOD**

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**☞ *Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.***

**☞ *Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;***

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P *Lord God, source of every blessing,*

C **you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

- ¹For 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.
- ²The 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.
- ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴You 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.
- ⁵For 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.

Reflection

What is the prophet shouting about? (verse 1) Why is Jerusalem's vindication so important? (verse 2) What shows God's vindication of Jerusalem? (verse 3) What were the descriptive terms for Jerusalem before this? (verse 4) What will be the names for Jerusalem now? Notice that the Hebrew words are "Hephzibah" and "Beulah." What do you think it

means for Jerusalem and its people that “the Lord delights in you” and that “your land shall be married”? What does it mean for us as people of God to know that the Lord delights in us? How can we celebrate God’s delight?

PSALM 29

⁵Your 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 humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your | love, O God!

All 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.

⁹For with you is the | well of life,

and in your light | we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.**

Reflection

This psalm is a contrast between the wicked, who have no fear of God (verses 1-4, 11-12) and those in whom God delights (our psalm for today, verses 5-10). How does the psalmist describe the love of God? (verses 5-7) What is the relationship among love, righteousness, and justice? What is the source of the light that illuminates our lives? (verse 9) How have you experienced the lovingkindness of God? How is God a light in your life?

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another’s spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God’s Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reflection

What is the only certain sign that someone has the Spirit of God? (verses 1-3) Are the spiritual gifts all the same? (verses 4-6) What is the purpose of all the spiritual gifts? (verse 7) What are the spiritual gifts that Paul lists? (verses 8-10) Who decides which people get which gifts? (verse 11) As you reflect on the variety of gifts listed here, I would invite you to reflect on the variety of gifts we have among us in our congregation. If we were to make a list of the gifts we see among us, it might be different from the list that Paul has here. Are some “better” or more important than others? Are there any that are missing? Why or why not? Sometimes others can see our gifts more clearly than we can. Why is it important to acknowledge and name the gifts that others have? Why is it important to acknowledge with humility those that we have?

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Thy Word” (sing refrain twice)

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

***GOSPEL**

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus’ signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God’s creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reflection

What happens at the wedding at Cana? (verses 1-10) What does Jesus’ mother tell the servants? (verse 5) How much wine was there after the servants did what Jesus told them? (Do the math!) What strikes me is that that’s a lot of wine! And those servants had to work hard! A gallon of water weighs 8 pounds (“a pint’s a pound the world round”). So 6 x 8 x 20 or 30, plus the weight of the stone jars—that’s a lot of wine! What is the point of this sign? How is so much wine (and not cheap bottles of rotgut either) a sign of the kingdom of God? How does this sign reveal the glory that Jesus brings? (verse 11) How do you experience the overflowing abundance of God’s love in your life?

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Kris Langdon

SONG OF THE DAY

“Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Refrain

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace *Refrain*

***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,

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen!

***PRAYER SONG** *“Seek Ye First” vs. 1 before the prayer, vs. 2 after the prayer*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in ministry. Pour out your Spirit and make us bold to proclaim your reign of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. For vineyards and orchards, fields and gardens, urban parks and wilderness areas. Fill the earth with your abundance and provide for the needs of all living things. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. Guide leaders and decision makers toward the well-being of all in their care. Strengthen those who work to uphold human rights for the sake of the dignity of all people. Shelter communities threatened by violence and show us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who face a scarcity of resources and those who struggle with debt. For all who suffer with chronic pain, all who grieve, and all who are ill *especially Doc, Irene, Jeff, Trina, Linda, Elaine, Lisa and her baby Lara*, and for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (pause for 10 seconds). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Transform us and fill us with your life, so that we pour out your love in service to the world. Bless all who work to provide food for others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith. Inspire us by their witness and unite us in the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C **And also with you!**

OFFERTORY

“Many Gifts”

Steven B. Eulberg

**There are many Gifts,
but only One Spirit who offers them all:
One Lord, one Lord,
One Faith, one Faith,
One Hope to which we are called.
One Baptism, One Baptism,
One Baptism washes us
washes us all
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but only One Spirit who offers them all:
One Lord, one Lord,
One Faith, one Faith,
One Hope to which we are called.**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P *God of all creation,*

C **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

***DIALOGUE**

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.*
G **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

- P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

- P** *In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*
*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

***LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** *Gathered together in one baptism, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*
G **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen!**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P *Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.*

***BLESSING**

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen!**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P *We thank you, O God,*

C **that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare,**

the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

***BENEDICTION**

P *The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the I Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.*

C **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

**We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity**

May one day be restored

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land *Refrain*

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride *Refrain*

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL**

P *Go in peace. Christ is your light.*

G **Thanks be to God!**