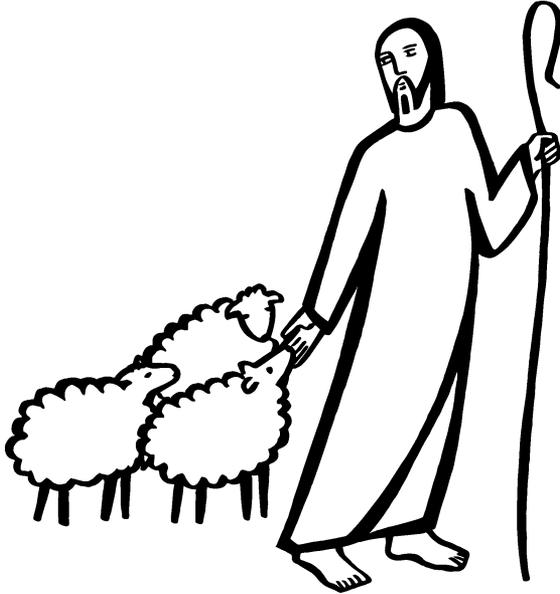


# SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022  
8:00 & 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn.....Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters  
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## **Prelude**

## **“Morning has Broken”**

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## **Announcements**

### **+ Confession**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*(silence for reflection)*

*Most merciful God,*

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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, 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.**

## **Forgiveness**

# Gathering Hymn

# Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

(445)

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Verses 1 & 3 – high voices. Verses 2 & 4 – low voices*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

*Patient God,*

**Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.**

## Special Music      “May This Church Be like a Tree” Chanel Choir

1            May this church be like a tree,  
              behind your house, there in your garden,  
              meeting-place for joy, and feast,  
              and simple prayer beneath its branches.  
              With its roots in earth so fertile,  
              and its arms raised high to heaven,  
              may this church bear fruits of justice,  
              acts of loving and compassion.

*Refrain*

Tree ever growing by living water,  
running eternal, flowing from God.  
Tree ever growing by living water,  
running eternal, flowing from God.

2            May this church be like a tree  
              there in the street or in the plaza,  
              for the birds a nesting-branch,  
              for passersby a welcome shelter.  
              May it stand as if it's watching,  
              near my house, just round the corner,  
              waiting for this weary pilgrim  
              with its arms wide to embrace me. *Refrain*

3            May this church be like a tree,  
              O God, that thrives where you have planted;  
              may it stand to show the way,  
              your way of loving and self-giving,  
              offering shade, and fruit for sharing,  
              giving up its wood for burning.  
              May this living church that names you  
              be a tree of life eternal. *Refrain*

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## Reading

## 2 Samuel 7:4-12

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## + Gospel Acclamation



## **Gospel Reading**

**John 2:13-25**

*The Holy Gospel according to John.*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Kelsey Fauser**

**+ Hymn of the Day    My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (597)**

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## **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 into hell.  
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.**

## **Prayers**

*Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice,  
peace, and healing.*

*(a brief silence)*

### **After each petition:**

*Lord in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Those remembered in prayer this week: Larry Adams, Ayen Family at the death of Beth Ayen, Mary Ann Bond, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, George Candea, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Stewart Hellem, Pam Landry, Delores McKee, Wilda Moore, Michael Noble Jr, Kim Parker, John Plump, Carlos Quiles, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Carol Thompson, Marilyn Thompson, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, Ben Hayes and Matt Hayes, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

## The Preface to the Sanctus

*It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:*

## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures.

## **Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

*Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Amen.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, ...*

*Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

*For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine, maintaining distance between households. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.*

*God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."*

*For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.*

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

## Christ, Be Our Light (715)

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## + The Blessing Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

*Holy One,*

**We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## God of Grace and God of Glory (705)

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## Blessing Amen.

**Sending**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**“Toccatà and Fugue in d minor”**

By Johann Ernst Eberlin

*Thank you to Arlayne McKee for this weeks altar flower in memory of Mama Kaye Crubaugh.*

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**THOSE SERVING ASCENSION’S WORSHIP TODAY**

**Ushers: 8:00** – Brad Chewakin and Craig Kelly

**10:30**-Steve Tompkins and Eddie Calderon

**Worship Deacon: 8:00** – Terri Moore **10:30** – John Hayes

**Lectors: 8:00** – Ron Mohler **10:30**- Ingrid Daniel

**Cantor: 8:00** – Choir **10:30**-Sandra Hagen

**Communion Assistants: 8:00** – Nancy Shatto **10:30**- Val Rudy

**Bread:** Sue Trinko

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