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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, 19 January 2025

A Service of Morning Prayer

Prelude

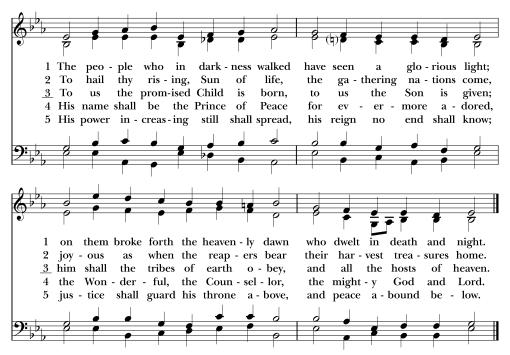
Plain chant du premier Kyrie, en Taille

François Couperin

Hymn

The people who in darkness walked

H.126



Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CL Psalmes of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

Opening Sentence

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Belovèd in Christ,

Let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins

and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture.

(John 4.24)

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

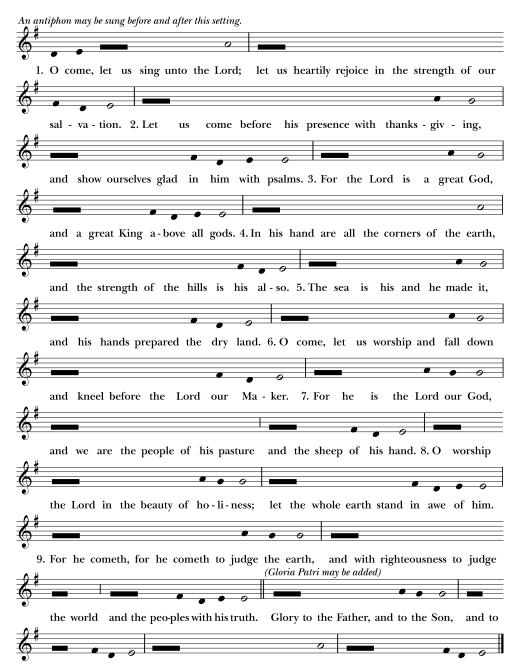
And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Sundayschool children and leaders are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Invitatory Psalm

The Venite Psalm 95



the Ho-ly Spi-rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. Music: Plainsong Tone 2; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979, alt; acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921) and SCCM, 1979, alt. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Psalm

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.

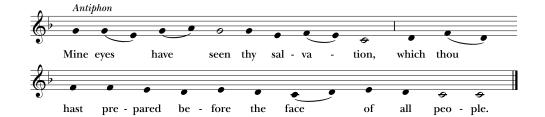
The Word of God

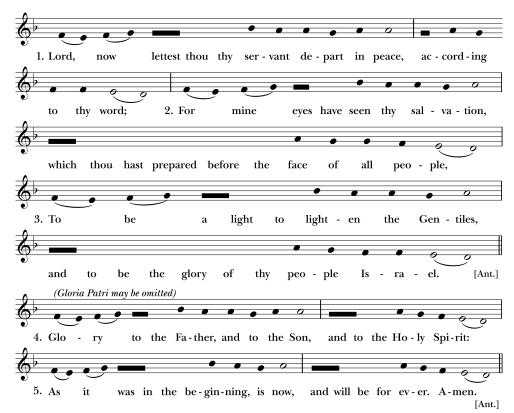
Old Testament Isaiah 62:1-5

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.

Canticle 5, The Song of Simeon: Nunc dimittis





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The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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.

Gradual Hymn All praise to you H.138 (we sing verses 1&2 before the Gospel and verses 3&4 after)



Words: Hyde W. Beadon (1812-1891), alt. Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815).

The 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 Georg Meyer

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together our faith in Jesus Christ.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Prayers

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. *Amen*

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Spirit of the living God

Words & Music: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

We all join in the concluding collect:

Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The Grace

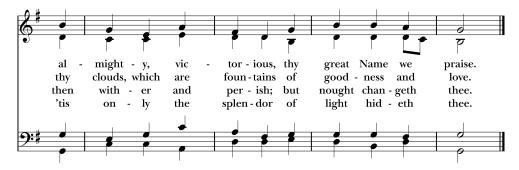
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

H.423

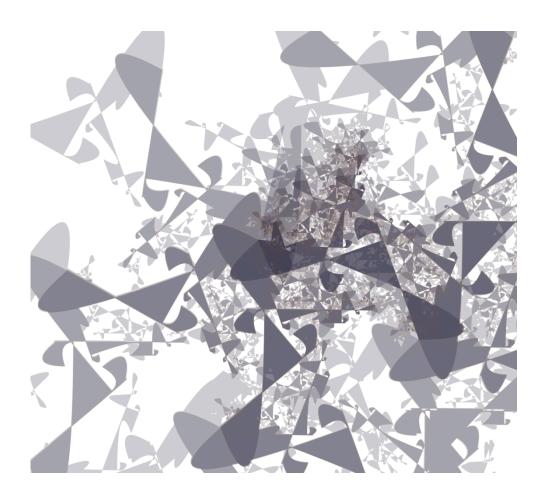




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The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Postlude Premier Livre d'Orgue, Dialogue. Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

This service is taken from Enriching our Worship and the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book.

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Today's Ministers

Officiant & Preacher Rev Michael Rusk

Gospeller Rev Deacon Richard Cole

Preacher George Meyer
Organist Romain Meyer
Reader Edith Tanner

Intercessor Megan Preston-Meyer Usher Adwoa Bentsi-Enchill

Livestreamer Laurentiu Stehan

Coffee Hour Yunise Korir

Prayer List: this week we are praying for Alice, Alphonse, Armida and Carlos, Barbara Chong, Bob, Brad and Marietta, Christopher, Damien, Daniel, Dawn and Lauren, Erik, Eva, Helen, Hélène, Julien, Karen, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Leroy and Peggy, Lesley, Margaret, Marguerite, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Miss Jones, Patricia, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

Convocation Prayer Cycle, The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18–25 January)





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This service will be followed by a Special Meeting of Parishioners in church and on zoom. Please collect your refreshments from the back of church and return to your seat. After the meeting is over, Jean Langdon is running a workshop in the Petite Salle to guide parishioners in using Breeze, the new church management software system. Please feel free to join.