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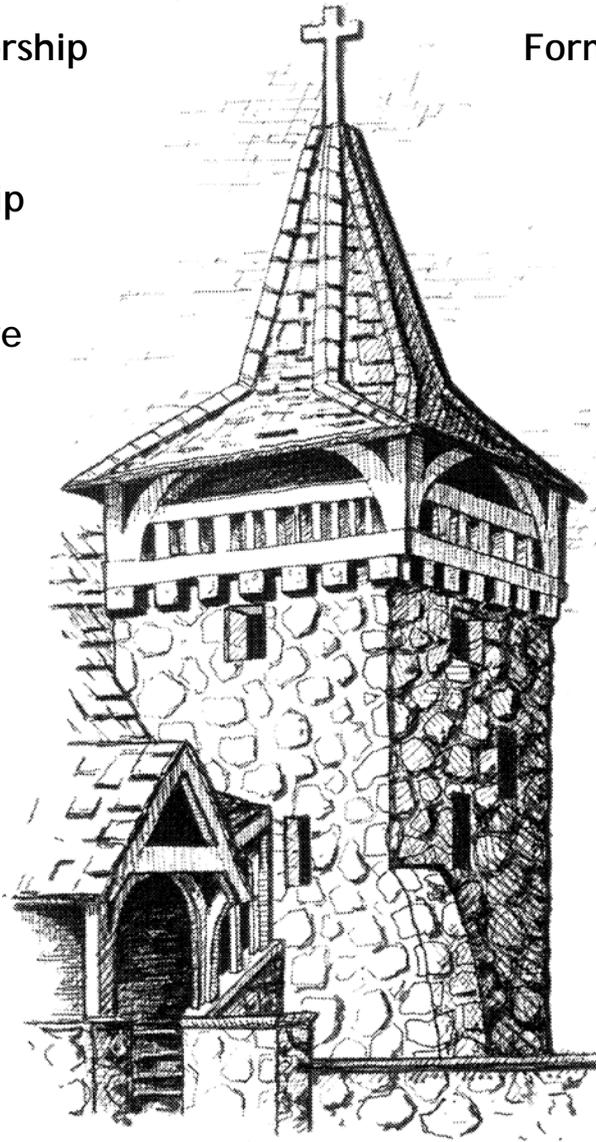
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*Our Vision: We serve Christ today,
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal or the green hymnal supplement – “Wonder, Love and Praise.”

Voluntary: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Great Bell “Bethlehem” sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of small bell and sing

The Processional Hymn No. 423

ST. DENIO

The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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

The following hymn is sung, all standing (Music is found in Wonder, Love & Praise #900)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 214

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

Prayer Book page # 357

The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

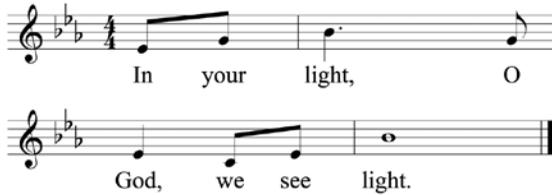
A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

The Gradual Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

Prayer Book page # 632

The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon with the choir.



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A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:1-11)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn, No. 6

CHRIST WHOSE GLORY

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (2:1-11)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Ed Sniecienski

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book page # 386

The Deacon and People pray responsively

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Deacon: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Deacon: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Deacon: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Deacon: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Deacon: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Deacon: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; for Michael, Josh, and Ed our clergy, Stephanie our Diocesan Discerner, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Deacon: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Deacon: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Deacon: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Deacon: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Deacon: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Deacon: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon: We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins;

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People:

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory the following will be sung

As the Bridegroom to His Chosen

music: John Rutter

text: John Tauler, tr. E. F. Bevan

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,

As the keeper to the castle, as the pilot to the helm,

As the captain to his soldiers, as the shepherd to his lambs,

So Lord, art thou to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,

As the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark,

As the firelight in the winter, as the sunlight in the spring,

So Lord, art thou to me.

As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,

As refreshment to the fainting, as the wine cup at the meal,

As the singing on the feast day, as the amen to the prayer,

So Lord, art thou to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb,

As the light within the lantern, as the father in the home,

As the eagle in the mountains, as the sparrow in the nest,

So art thou, Lord, to me.

As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,

As the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew unto the grass,

As the rainbow on the hilltop, as the river in the plain,

So art thou Lord, to me.

Representatives of the congregation would in non-pandemic times bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed upon the Altar and sing the following

The Offertory Hymn No 497

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125")

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

The people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-119")

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book page # 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung

(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-152")

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

The following Fraction Anthem will be sung (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-164")

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the beloved People of God. *And may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to approach the Communion Station. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

All are welcome to receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest or deacon distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind.

For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen. (From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

After Communion, the people stand and sing

Hymn No. 538

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Prayer Book page # 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people then stand and sing

The Final Hymn No. 542

ST. JOAN

The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ *People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Voluntary: Choral Song

Samuel Wesley/Gilbert Martin

Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary. Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.

Please join us outside for coffee hour following both services.

IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

Announcements for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church for those who have pledged.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18th at Corfu Restaurant, located at 48 West Sierra Madre Blvd., here in town. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at ray@madre.net or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, FOLLOWING THE ONE SERVICE THAT DAY AT 9:30. This year, the reports and financials will be available prior to the meeting either by email or at our website. Only a few printed copies will be available. If you would like to have a printed copy please contact the parish office. The canonically required roster of qualified electors has been published.

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sunday, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursday, 8:15a.m.

BETWEEN THE MASSES - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person today in the Parish Hall. The group meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018):

1/17 – Antony (*Abbot in Egypt, 356*) **1/18 – The Confession of Peter** **1/19 – Wulfstan** (*Bishop of Worcester, 1095*)
1/20 – Fabian (*Bishop and martyr at Rome, 250*) **1/21 – Agnes** (*Martyr at Rome, 304*) **1/22 – Vincent** (*Deacon and martyr at Saragossa, 304*)

LEADERSHIP: *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

Director of Music and Organist: Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;

Parish Administrator: Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson; *Diocesan Discerner:* Ms. Stephanie Herrman

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