

January 16, 2020 – Epiphany 2

Celebrant & Preacher

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn:           You Are The Beauty

Among the poor,  
among the proud,  
among the persecuted  
among the privileged,  
**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

In the private house,  
in the public place,  
in the wedding feast,  
in the judgment hall,  
**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

With a gentle touch,  
with an angry word,  
with a clear conscience,  
with burning love,  
**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

That the kingdom might come,  
that the world might believe,  
that the powerful might stumble,  
that the hidden might be seen,  
**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Within us, without us,  
behind us, before us,  
in this place, in every place,  
for this time, for all time,  
**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

## Collect

Persevering God,  
by your sure voice  
you rouse us from our slumber  
and call us to discipleship and mission  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'<sup>\*</sup> and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come 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.' JOHN 1:43-50

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Creed

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

## Prayers of the People

*Prompt: Lord, call us, we pray,*

*Response: **Lord, help us follow you.***

## Confession and Peace

Let us confess our brokenness.

Because you made the world,  
and intended it to be a good place,  
and called its people your children;  
Because, when things seemed at their worst,  
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;  
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**Goodness is stronger than evil,  
Love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness,  
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Because confusion can reign inside us,  
despite our faith;  
Because anger, tension, bitterness and envy  
distort our vision;  
Because our minds sometimes worry small things  
out of all proportion;  
Because we do not always get it right,  
we want to believe;

**Goodness is stronger than evil,  
Love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness,  
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Lord, hear our prayer,  
and change our lives  
until we illustrate the grace  
of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

Not an easy peace,  
not an insignificant peace,  
not a half-hearted peace,  
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now.  
Let us share it with each.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hymn: My Hope is in Your Mercy

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfilment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our comprehension, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the eve of his arrest and death, among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and broke it, and said "This is my body, broken for you."

Later he took a cup of wine and said, "This is the new relationship with God and made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me."

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, covering us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup.

So take this bread and this wine and become what you receive. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, 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,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

#### Breaking of the Bread #6

We break the bread of life,  
And that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,**  
**Light in the midst of us,**  
**Bring us to light and life.**

## The Communion

Hymn: Follow Me

### Prayer after Communion

From where we are  
to where you need us.

**Jesus, now lead on.**

From the security of what we know  
to the adventure of what you will reveal,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

To refashion the fabric of this world  
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

Because good things have been prepared  
for those who love God,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

## Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

### Refrain

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. *Refrain*

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *Refrain*

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain*