

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Temple of the Holy Spirit
January 17, 2021



AS WE GATHER: Today we consider the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. How we live and interact with others is important, for we are representing the Holy Spirit. How we act when we are alone is important, for the Spirit is always present with us, and He has no desire to take part in sin of any kind. As we reflect, we remember the glorious news that we were bought with a price—the blood of Jesus, which forgives all our sins and removes all our shame. For that we are most thankful!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

GOD'S KIDS MESSAGE Answering God's Call

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 139:1–2, 7–8; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20*

Pastor: O Lord, You have searched and known us.

People: **You discern our thoughts from afar.**

Pastor: Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

People: **Or where shall we flee from Your presence?**

Pastor: If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

People: **If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!**

Pastor: Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.**

HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

#901 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
 Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
 Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
 Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
 There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
 Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
 Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
 Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
 While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ,
 and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but

we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. Our shame is removed.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 40:1–5; antiphon: v. 10a, b*

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a
lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your
thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be
told.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

KYRIE

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon
us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Now Thank We All Our God” #895 v.1, 3

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;

For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

(The Lord calls Samuel.)

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The 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. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and 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. ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word

of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20* (To whom does your body belong?)

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43–51* (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting.
Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life and Let It Be” #783 v.1-3

- 1 Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love;
 Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always, only for my King;
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee.

SERMON To whom does your body belong? - *1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life and Let It Be” #783 v.4-6

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold;
 Take my intellect and use
 Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Response from LSB 500:1*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
 and for all people according to their needs.

 Holy Spirit, from sin and sorrow set us free;
People: **may we Your living temples be.**

Pastor: Spirit, inspire all people as they serve in their vocations.
 Grant them creativity, wisdom, discernment, and courage
 to follow where You lead. From sin and sorrow set us
 free;

People: **may we Your living temples be.**

Pastor: Spirit, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions.
 Break their bondage, lead them to get the help they need,
 and remind them that You dwell within them. From sin
 and sorrow set us free;

People: **may we Your living temples be.**

Pastor: Spirit, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters,
 missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church.
 Embolden them as they plant and water the good seeds
 of the Gospel. We humbly ask You to provide growth
 where and when You will. From sin and sorrow set us
 free;

People: **may we Your living temples be.**

Pastor: Spirit, You are the Comforter sent from heaven. Bring

Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially* . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal peace and life with Jesus. From sin and sorrow set us free;

People: **may we Your living temples be.**

Pastor: Spirit, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. From sin and sorrow set us free;

People: **may we Your living temples be.**

[Individual petitions may be added here. After each petition the pastor prays:
*Lord, in Your mercy, and the people respond: **hear our prayer.***]

Pastor: Spirit, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious
to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*
People: **Amen.**

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #644 v.1, 2, 4, 5

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:

One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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