



Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 17, 2021

Welcome

Minister

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Prayer

God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name. Amen.

Hymn

Earth Has Many a Noble City

Confession and Absolution

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Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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Most merciful God,

All

We confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your

Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Minister Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Psalm: 139.1-5, 12-17

¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**² You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**⁴ You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

¹³ I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

**¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!**

¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Hymn

The Reading: John 1.43-51

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ 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.' ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹ 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.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nicholas Saulnier

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 to the dead. 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.**

The Offertory - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God.*

Prayer over the Gifts Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People **Govern and uphold us now and always.**

Minister Day by day we bless you;
People **We praise your name forever.**

Minister Lord, keep us from sin today;
People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Minister Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**

Minister In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Leader Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Leader Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful: Sanctify this parish of St. Mary and St. Martha through your abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of your people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. Guard from forgetfulness of you those who are strong and prosperous. Increase in us your many gifts of grace, and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Leader O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted. We pray for those who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Stella, Ed, Norma, Shirley, John, Amini, Ivy, Jackie, Leila, Alicia... and we pray for the loved ones of Andrew, and the friends of family of Caroline as they mourn their loss. And now in a moment of silence we lift up before you all those in our hearts who need your loving care... **Amen.**

Leader Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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In our prayers this week:

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

ELCIC Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief

ACC/ELCIC The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Diocese of Toronto

The Bishop's Committee on Discipleship

Social Justice and Advocacy Committee

The clergy and people of Parish of Craighurst and Midhurst; the Church of Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale; and the Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth and their outreach activities.

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle: Jasmine Chambers; Ann Chambers-Smith and Evan Smith, Andre and Ariel; Susan Chapman
Celebrating a birthday: Julius Patrick; Theresa Nash; Shirley Archer

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