



"Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

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Second Sunday After Epiphany | Lect. 2, Yr. A

TRADITIONAL LITURGY — ELW SETTING FOUR

PRELUDE *He Shall Feed His Flock - Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Rise, Shine, You People!*

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- 1 **Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**
- 2 **See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**
- 3 **Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**
- 4 **Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✚ Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE *Spoken*

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

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P. *Spoken* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C. *Sung* 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM: ISAIAH 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

PSALM 40:1-11 *We read responsively*

L: I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**C: The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

L: The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**C: Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

L: Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.

**C: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

L: And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"

L: I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**C: I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

L: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung*

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C. Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 1:29-42

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: *Pastor Julie Rogness*

HYMN: *Christ Be Our Light*

vss.1-4

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**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

PRAYERS — SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Spoken

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P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY HOLY Sung

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER—INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION & *Lamb of God*

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
 grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Here Is Bread*

ELW# 483

- 1 **Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**
REFRAIN: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.**
- 2 **Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.**
REFRAIN: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.**
- 3 **Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.**
REFRAIN: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

BENEDICTION

- P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW# 317

- 1 **Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**
- 2 **Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 **Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4 **Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Ringling of Bell

DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

