



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
LBW Setting One without Communion  
Sunday, January 16, 2022**

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

**P** Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C** **Amen.**

# HYMN

# Gather Us In Advent Virtual Choir



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## LITANY

P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;**

P How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**C All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

P They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**C For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together,

**C Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 62:1-5**

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10**

L <sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

L <sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

C <sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

L <sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

C <sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11**

L A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All

these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)**

**C** **Alleluia. Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.** (*John 2:11*)

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Second chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward

called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Petersons**



# HYMN

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds Adv VT Choir

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the vocal and bass lines. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final three lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style suitable for a choir.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

P By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially...and all others we name aloud or in the silence of our own hearts... Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
C **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*Share Christ's Peace with one another.*

**OFFERING**

**“Slane”**

**Advent Virtual Choir**

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us Pray, Blessed are you, O God,

**C Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C 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.**

## BLESSING

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**C Amen**

## HYMN

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing Adv Vt Choir



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **THANK YOU**

We want to thank the congregation for the extremely generous Christmas bonus and the many individual gifts this Christmas season. We feel truly blessed to serve our Lord together here at Advent and to have such a warm and loving congregation!  
Thank you all!

Thank you to Pastor Fred for preaching last week and leading the congregation in the Affirmation of Baptism. Thank you, Mary & Paul Filpus-Luyckx for serving last week. Paul did an excellent job playing the service and Mary did an amazing job leading and assisting in worship. We had a wonderful week of fun and rest in the mountains together celebrating 20 years of marriage. Thank you all for serving while we were away.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jan. 18 – 6:30pm Church Council Meeting**

**There will be no Bible Study, Sunday School, or Confirmation for January. We will resume these activities when we return in person. May this time of Sabbath rest renew us in service when we are able to return in person.**

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*

*(Galatians 5:22)*

**We pray this week that GENTLENESS grows in us.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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Rev. Andrea Windsor-Peterson & Rev. Jason Peterson

**Music**

Virtual Choir

**Lector**

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