

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

January 16, 2022



Introduction to the day

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

We gather each week to worship and pray on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. For thousands of years they have walked the land and paddled the waters of the Salish Sea. We are grateful to the Squamish, Musqueam and the Tsleil-Waututh Nations for their stewardship of these lands and adjoining waters throughout the ages.

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: ELW 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise - verses 1 and 2; or 1,2 and 4



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day:

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.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

¹For 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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You 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.

⁵For 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

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

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

In Cana at a Wedding Feast, verses 1 and 5, ELLACOMBE 8.6.8.6 D (to the tune of ELW 521 - O Day of Rest and Gladness) Text: Copyright © 1999 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.
There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"
He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;
Through water changed to wine that day, his friends believed in him.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the day: There Are Many Ways of Sharing, NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us, as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

The Intercessions

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.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and vision. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. We lift up Deacon Rennie Nahanee and his ministry among the Squamish people, Cari Klaasen and her ministry across our Synod. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate where you are at work among us and around us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. We pray for those in Russia, Scandinavia and the Americas suffering from the rapid melting of the permafrost on which their way of life depends; Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Russia and Ukraine as tensions rise in the region. We bless all those working for peace and those who adopt the transformative power of forgiveness and reconciliation as a form of resistance to violence. May this love beyond hatred transform those hearts which remain of stone.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, , embrace those facing significant life transition, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day, especially our friends, family and members who have asked us to remember them Arlene and Warren, Marianne and Wayne, Pat and Ron, Billy, Estelle, Jim and Janice, Tilly and Billy, Jerry and Don, Lois and Herb, as well those whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

At this point in our worship services we usually receive the Offering. In the Offering, we not only offer our financial gifts for the ministry of the church, but we also make a recommitment, an offering, of ourselves for Christ's ministry in the world.

Thank you for your faithful support through your financial gifts to the ministry of Gloria Dei and through which your gifts also support ministry in our Synod, across the ELCIC, and out in the global world beyond these borders.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

In the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanksgiving for the Word

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, show us how to walk the path of reconciliation and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: ACS 991 - Go the World



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

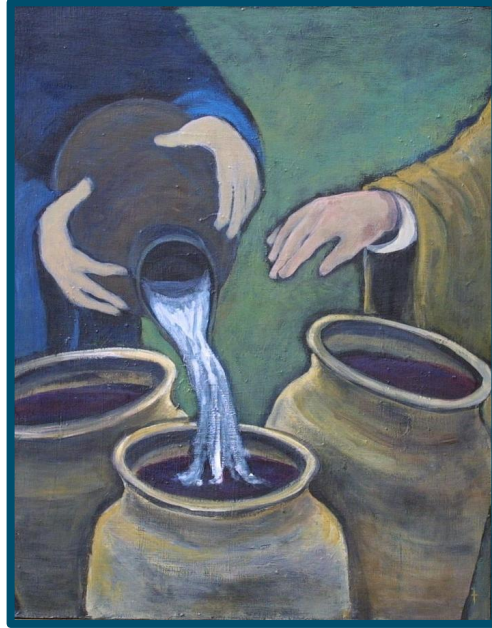
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thanks to all who assisted with this morning's service: Pastor Vida Jaugelis, Sonja Koruga, Jim Berger, Kathleen Stoll, Ellen Luthy, Kyler Storm.

Announcements:

Sunday Services will continue to be live-streamed through the end of January on our website and Facebook page - www.gloriadei.ca/live;
www.facebook.com/GDLCNV/live



All are welcome here!
May God go with you on your journey this Week

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