

Morning Worship with Vinod Victor
January 16, 2022
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time to remember where you are,
and why you are here.
Give thanks and become still
in the presence of God

Prelude

Opening Words

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

O Lord, Open Our Hearts

All: and we shall behold your miracles and signs at work amidst us

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to understand the mysteries of the words of the mother

Do Whatever He Tells you To Do

to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Amen

Opening Hymn ACF 24 Come Now Is The Time To Worship

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.*

1. One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now,

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.*

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
willingly our knees will bow,
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength we gladly choose You now.

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.*

Come. Come, just as you are, come. Come

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Praise and Thanksgiving

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown,
galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our
imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

We give thanks this day.

(<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/thanksgiving-prayers>)

Penitence

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Let us with a penitent heart confess our sins

**All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things

that we ought to have done;

and we have done those things

that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Absolution

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

Kyrie (sung)

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis (sung)

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

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Canticle/Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.
5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
**6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; ♦
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.**
7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
**8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦
they shall drink from the river of your delights.**
9 For with you is the well of life ♦
and in your light shall we see light.
10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦

and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.

**O God, the well of life,
make us bright with wisdom,
that we may be lightened with the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and shall be for ever.**

The reading is taken from 1 Cor 12:1-11

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God
Our hearts and our minds are open

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

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

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Many are the Light Beams

1. Many are the light-beams from the one light.
Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the light-beams from the one light;
we are one in Christ.

3. Many are the gifts given, love is all one.
Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts given, love is all one;
we are one in Christ.

5. Many are the members, the body is one,
members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one;
we are one in Christ.

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The reading is taken from John 2:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Hymn: SoF 519 Take my life and let it be

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.
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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The 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 Intercession

Gracious God, today we heard about your Son Jesus, how he began his ministry at a wedding, revealed himself and showed us the abundance of your wonderful love for us. In difficult demanding times, in our daily life, we are longing for your love and a Christ revealing like that in Cana. There is a song talking about this longing:

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

So let us pray along the words of this song. When I say:

There is a longing in our hearts for you, o Lord. Please respond: **Reveal yourself to us.**

For justice, for freedom, for mercy:

we pray for our world and the problems faced by so many of your children.

We pray for all who live under the threat of war, hatred and poverty. We

pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Kasachstan and Afghanistan. We

pray, that the situation there can be calmed, that a military conflict can be averted and we won't have a second cold war.

In a moment of silence please pray for another situation or place that is on your mind this morning.

Merciful father, govern the hearts and minds of all world leaders and all those in authority that they will lead and work honestly and openly.

There is a longing in our hearts for you, o Lord. **Reveal yourself to us.**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:

We pray that you will inspire and lead our new minister Vinod, our council and all helping hands in our congregation as they serve you. Guide us all, as we seek to follow your Holy Spirit and are working for our future ministry and service here. We pray that all we do and say may draw people to come to know, love and serve you

There is a longing in our hearts for you, o Lord. **Reveal yourself to us.**

Lord, we pray for our schools, all staff and children, especially those suffering from Covid and all who are struggling to keep their schools open. Strengthen and guide them as they seek the way forward.

We thank you for our nurses, doctors and all who work caring for the sick and struggling, may they treat all in their care with dignity, skill and respect.

We thank you for all people, doing their job with reliability, commitment, passion and humility, doing their best serving at their places. We pray that they will be strengthened when they are tired and weary, encouraged when they are doubting and guided when they feel lost.

There is a longing in our hearts for you, o Lord. **Reveal yourself to us.**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life:

Lord, we pray for all who are suffering or in pain. We ask for the comfort, reassurance, and warmth of your love to heal them. We pray for the families and friends of those who have died recently and those whose anniversary falls at this time of year. May they find comfort and hope in your love and in the love and compassion of those around them.

In a moment of silence please pray for anyone who is on your mind this morning.

There is a longing in our hearts for you, o Lord. **Reveal yourself to us.**

Faithful God, as we go out into the world, we pray that we may reflect your love into our families, our church and our community; so that the world will see that we are followers of Christ and that we want to draw others into his loving care. May Jesus continue to transform our everyday lives into the new wine of your kingdom on earth.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your dear Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

The Lord's Prayer

In the language of our hearts,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us...

**All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn SoF 640 You shall go out with joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

The Closing Prayers

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people illumined by your word and ministry, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Benediction

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw *you* to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen *you* in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill *your* hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.
All Amen.

Announcements

(see below)

Blessing

May God's will be done here where we live;
may impossible things come to pass.

May we find strength in the journey
and joy in the struggle,
through the grace of God,
Amen.

(Katie Cook)

Postlude

Coming up this week...

Wed
9 pm

EVENING PRAYER
on zoom

Sun
11:30 am

COMMUNION SERVICE
led by Rev'd Vinod Victor
in person & on zoom

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for more information & the zoom link

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