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Second Sunday after The Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Nativity Church *in*
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
of the Episcopal Church

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS, OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT

WEDNESDAY

10 AM Bible Study– “Walking with Luke” -
Live on Zoom

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Sunday Worship in the Nave

10 AM Sunday Worship Service,
on Facebook LIVE Fellowship Hall

Readers 8:30am Kathy Eastham

10:00am Karen Emery

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Psalm 19

Welcome and Entering God's Presence

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour up on us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hearing God's Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please be seated)

Isaiah 62:1-5

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

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Response

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

- 5 Your 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 both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! your 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.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 2:1-11

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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

(Please be seated)

Responding to God's Word

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(Please kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Celebrant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified by all people.

Celebrant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Celebrant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.

Celebrant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Celebrant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Celebrant: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Parish Life Announcements

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, Joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

People: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.)

All: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and Glory. Now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

PARISH PRAYERS

Week of January 16,2021

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its members and mission:

The Most Revd. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Episcopal Service Corps (ESC);

Episcopal City Mission, Boston

Ministry Development Grant Committee

FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, its members and its mission:

For the Rev. Chad McCabe, Karen and Ethan

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD:

Our nation, and all in authority.

Justice in our nation for people of all races and nations, particularly in all our cities.

For those serving in our armed forces: Dan Blair (Jackie's Son),

Eric Catalanotti, (Bruce and Kathy Reilly's nephew), Tanner Audia (Brad & Phyllis

Nutting's nephew), and Zach Loverin (Cindy Loverin's grandson),

Matt Heseck (Deb Heseck's son), and The Rev. Chad McCabe.

For those on the frontlines of the fight against the Covid 19.

Comfort for all those who are quarantined, alone and lonely, and for all those

suffering from depression. For all special needs children who are having a hard time

right now. For those who are struggling to make ends meet and those who are trying

to keep their businesses alive.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in any need or trouble:

Barbara Strom as she experiences health issues; Harriett Severance: Healing

Marilyn Perry; Healing; Deb Dwinell: Healing from cancer.

Bob Roche: healing from cancer Beckie Mangus: healing from cancer

Norma Brandt: healing from eye surgery Jackie Blair: Healing

Madaliso Labaj: Healing For safety, health, and strength for Karen Zacher's family,

including Cheyenne, Loreal, her grandsons, and her niece Mandy Johnson, who is a

doctor at UMASS Medical Center

For those who do not know Christ's love Peace for those who die alone and

for their families left behind

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

MEMBERS OF THE NATIVITY FAMILY:

Yvonne Boutte, Clara Boutte, Evelyn Boutte, Alex Bowman
Joshua Bowman, Norma Brandt, , Amalea Brower

FOR THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS:

Nikita Terwedow, Elizabeth Krouse, Jean Bruce-Weigersma

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nativity Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of January 16, 2022

To be included in the Sunday bulletins, please send your News and Notes to Cherie at plante@churchofthenativity.org **by end of day on Mondays** at the latest.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK: SUNDAYS 10AM

STEWARDSHIP "Ignite Your Light" Pledge

We are still collecting pledge cards; if you have not yet filled your out, please do so. You can mail them or place them in the collection plate on Sunday Morning.

Annual Meeting:

Our 2021 Annual Meeting will be hosted on January 23 after the joint 9am worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

REMINDER: The church building is closed but business continues as usual. Please remember to send your pledges. You may also choose to pay online with PayPal or a credit card. Go to the "Give" page (top right menu) on our website, www.churchofthenativity.org

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Our Music Ministry Rachel Manley, Praise Band Director, Glen Campbell, Organist

Our Ministries

Acolytes	Cathy Terwedow
Altar Guild	Karen McCabe
Bread Baking	Karen Taylor and Lois Macek
Christian Formation Director	Open
Clerk (Vestry)	Cathy Terwedow
Community Meals	Kathy Reilly
Easter Egg Hunt	Deb Hesek
Fall Festival/Applefest	Open
Finance Committee	Open
Flower Guild	Theresa Hoberman
Funerals	Sue Roche
Healing Prayer	Betsy Hummel
Junior Warden	Howard Gelles
Kitchen	Open
Living Nativity	Bill Otto
Outreach	Bruce Reilly
Pledge Treasurer	Cathy Terwedow
Prayer Chain	Blanche Farrell
Prayer Shawl	Bette Ann Whynot
Reader/LEM/Coffee Host	Beckie Mangus,
Senior Luncheon	Priscilla Gagnon and Karen Taylor
Senior Warden	Deb Hesek
Simple Social	Becky Krebsbach and Mary Brown
Spiritual Direction	Betsy Hummel
Stewardship	Jeannie Hebert
Sunday School	Deb Hesek & Jenny Otto
Tech Team	Larry Engholm
Treasurer	Henry Terwedow
W.A.R.M.	Betsy Hummel
Welcome Team	Cathy Terwedow
Worcester Fellowship	Paula Hanson
Youth & Families Director	Open

Our Vestry:

Rev. Chad McCabe, Deb Hesek (Senior Warden), Howie Gelles (Junior Warden), Cathy Terwedow (Clerk), Henry Terwedo (Treasurer), Debbie Burke, Janet Wilcox, Tom McDonald, Jeannie Hebert & Ted Flanagan.

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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EPIPHANY

The Church season we are now in is called EPIPHANY. "Epiphany" means "showing." When Jesus began his work, he showed two important things. By the wonderful, powerful things he said and did, he showed that he was the Messiah, the special leader chosen by God to bring his people new life. And since he was so full of God's power, the things he did showed what God is like!

JESUS AT THE WEDDING

John 2:1-11

JESUS WAS INVITED TO A WEDDING, ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER AND HIS FRIENDS!



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By making the water into wine, Jesus showed that the same God who made the whole world was now in the world. He showed that when God comes into the world, he brings happiness and blessing. The Bible says that God's coming is like a wedding, because God loves us and makes us his own forever!

