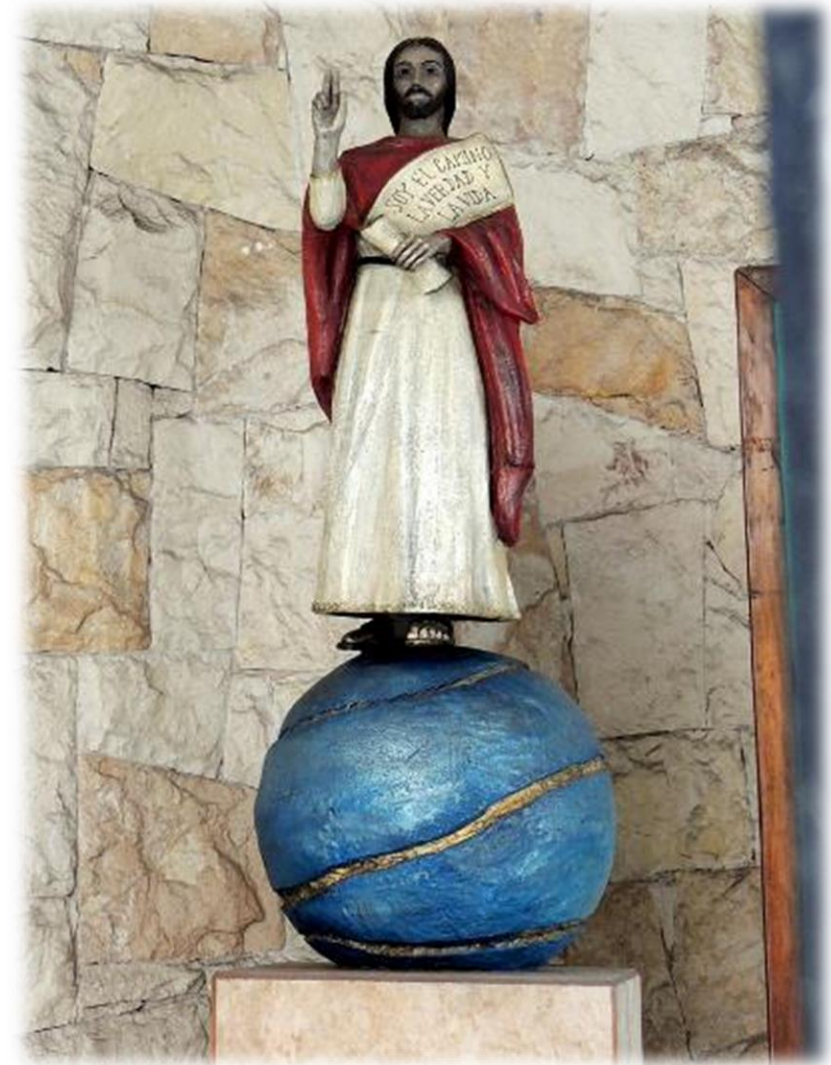


St. Luke's Table

SECOND SUNDAY After EPIPHANY

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us
truth and grace.

See John 1



Christ as The Way, The Truth, The Life,
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Welcome and Good Morning!

Morning Prayer

Service of the Word 2, Supplementary to the BAS,
with Art from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the
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Presiding:

Reverend Bill MacDonald

Musicians:

Donnie and Carol Webb

Scripture Readers:

Shelly Hubleby

Jackie Snair

The Gathering
of the Community

Opening Hymn:

O Worship The King



Angels Worship the Christ Child, Record number: [57898]

The Grace

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
to praise you for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.**

**Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship Almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Venite: (alternating verses)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20)



Samuel Speaks to Eli, John Singleton Copley
Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17: (alternating verses)

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

**How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!**

If I were to count them,
they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all,
my life span would need to be like yours.

**God of mystery and power,
even our minds and hearts are the veils
and signs of your presence.
We come in silent wonder to learn the way
of simplicity, the eternal road that leads
to love for you and for your whole creation.
We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us,
and in his name. Amen.**

Song of Mary, (alternating verses)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20



Fruits of the Holy Spirit – Gentleness -- Margaret Almon, Nutmeg Designs

The Song of Simeon, (alternating verses)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.

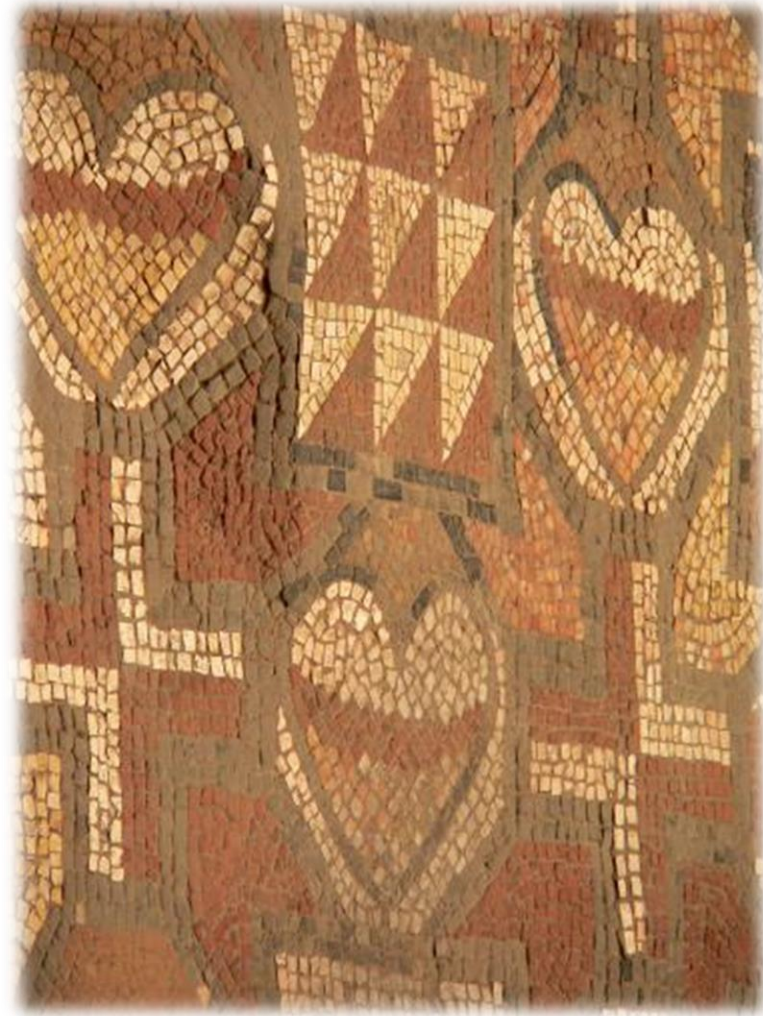
**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight
of every people;**

a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gradual Hymn:

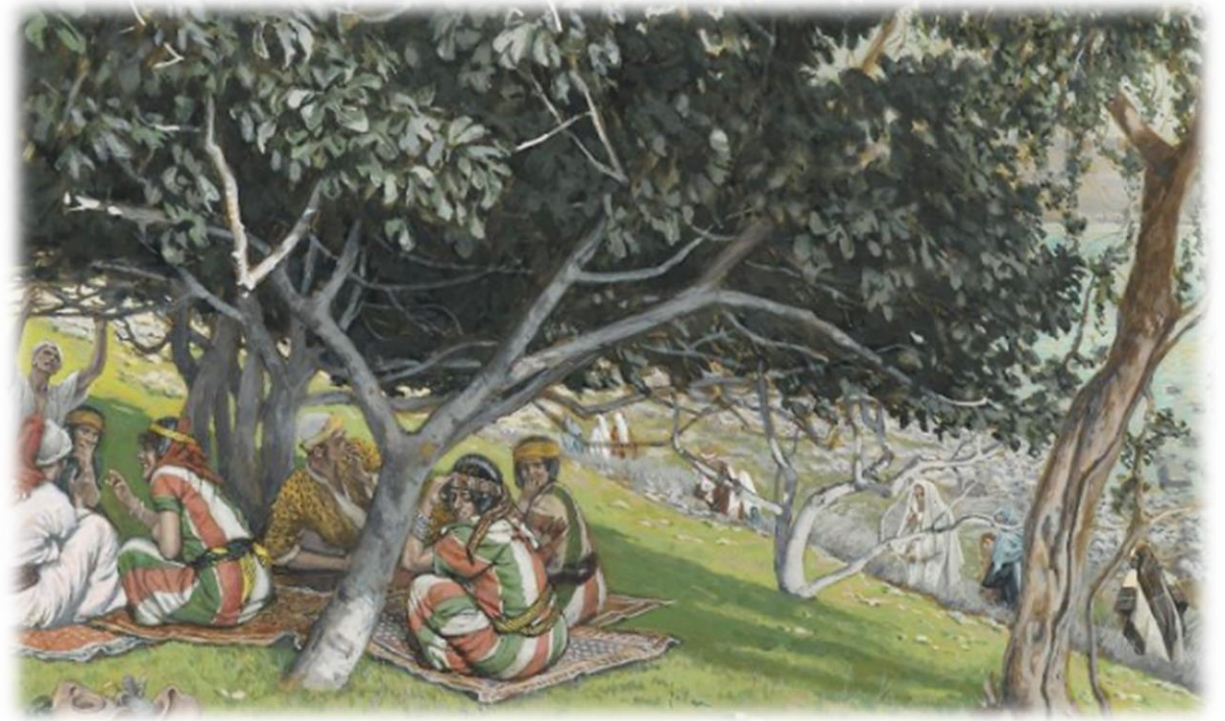
Praise My Soul
the King of Heaven



Mosaic from Lullingstone Villa,
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The Good News:

The Holy Gospel of Christ
according to
John 1: 43-51



Nathanael Under the Fig Tree -- James Tissot,
Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY

Reflection



Christ at Prayer, Greco, 1541?-1614

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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 to the dead.
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.**

Prayers of
the People



May We All Belief -- Mural, San Francisco, CA

The Peace

We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We will receive the offering
as we sing:

O God Our Help
in Ages Past



Living Cross, Hall, Sarah

Prayer over the Gifts

**Living God,
you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it,
and live as children of light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness
of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Parish Discernment:
Responsive Prayer for Guidance

God, sometimes we can't even find the door.
Be our light on the path.

We stumble around in the dark.
Be our light on the path.

We lose our way.
Be our light on the path.

We can't see even where to put our feet.
Be our light on the path.

Let alone see the end of the journey.
Be our light on the path.

We will stop and take a deep breath.
Be our light on the path.

We will open our eyes to the possibilities.
Be our light on the path.

We will pray for light.
Be our light on the path.

Show us the way, God.
Be our light on the path.

Calm our minds and soothe our souls.
Be our light on the path.

Show us the way and we will go.
Be our light on the path. Amen.

The Book of Uncommon Prayer by Steven L. Case, p.101

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Closing Prayer

**May the God of hope
fill us all with joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Lord of the Dance



Giovanni di Paolo, Five Angels Dancing Before the Glory of God, Musee Condee, Chantilly, France

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