SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 20, 2019

PRESERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... We all have many cares and worries in life. Chances are you arrived to worship this morning carrying some of those concerns upon your heart and mind. If that's true, know that today's service is designed for you! As we witness Jesus' first miracle at the Cana wedding feast, we also learn from the experience of His mother, Mary. Mary was worried about the host family—they ran out of wine! She wanted to help, but she knew only one thing to do. She committed the situation to Jesus, knowing He would take care of it. And that He did! Much more than helping provide refreshment for wedding guests, Jesus revealed His power and glory. Commit your concerns to the One who gave Himself for you and invites you to believe in Him.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ON GOD

Matthew 28:19

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

TIME TO REFLECT ON OURSELVES

Psalm 124:8 & 130:3-4

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of the altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. Together as God's people let us take refuge in the mercy of God.

Silence

C: We admit, Lord that we're sinners in our thoughts, words and actions. Too often we have taken Your Word lightly. Instead of allowing Jesus' Word to penetrate our hearts and move us to action, we have simply "studied" it and have failed to implement it into our lives. We ask for Your forgiveness...and new ears to hear today.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise LBW 90

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; Manifested by the star To the sages from afar, Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem: Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest In thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul; Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might; Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill: Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word; Grace to imitate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou; That we might become like thee At thy great epiphany, And May praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully grant that as we commit our cares to You, we may trust in the blessing of Your presence and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading:

I Corinthians 12:1-11

A variety of gifts, one Spirit

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For 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 ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Jesus is invited to a wedding.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Waiting for or Living for a Miracle?"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING

We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS BASED ON THE WEDDING AT CANA

P: O Christ, at Cana You showed Your divine glory through Your first miraculous sign. By faithfulness to Your Word, make this congregation and all Your Church a light that shines Your divine love and forgiveness into our darkened world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, at Cana You provided in abundance what was lacking. We thank You for the countless gifts You have given us, including food, clothing, and shelter. Cover and complete our flawed efforts to serve one another so that our neighbors may benefit. Bless the efforts of our leaders to maintain peace and promote justice, and watch over and direct all our military personnel that they may be sustained in times of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, at Cana You blessed a husband and wife by Your presence. Visit our homes with Your forgiveness, peace, and joy. Turn husbands and wives toward each other that they may live together in peace and joy. Bless our families, that parents may serve as examples of righteousness and children may joyfully live under their care, showing obedience and respect. According to Your will, give pious spouses to those who wish to be married, and grant solid friendships to those who are single. In all things, keep us free from every sexual sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, at Cana Your disciples put their faith in You. Grant steadfast faith, O Lord, to us and to all who are suffering, ill, injured, or undergoing medical tests (*especially...*). Answer their cries according to Your loving-kindness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, at Cana You provided good wine for a wedding banquet. Now You provide us the best wine, Your precious blood, at this foretaste of the eternal wedding feast to come. Prepare all who commune to receive You in repentance and faith that they may be eternally blessed. Bring us all at last to Your heavenly banquet table where we will praise You without end, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Jesus, at Your Holy Table"

By Lloyd Larson

Jesus, at Your holy table, may our hearts united be. Bind us with Your grace and presence that redeem and set us free. Crucify our pride and hatred, light the path on which we walk. Teach us how to love each other in the way that You have taught.

Christ, remind us of Your passion, of Your precious life outpoured, Of the love which none can fathom, and our vict'ry evermore. Bread of heaven, wine of promise, feed us with Your holy Word. Nourish us with Your strong presence, risen Savior, only Lord.

Lift your hearts and raise your voices, celebrate this wondrous love. Join the chorus with all Christians, and with saints who live above. Silent lips now sing with gladness, blinded eyes are filled with sight, are filled with sight.

Jesus' love has pierced our darkness, brought us home to peace and light.

Jesus, at Your holy table, may our hearts united be.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Majesty"

TOSB 135

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own who His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "The Church's One Foundation" **TOSB 202**

The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is his new creation By water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth, One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord five us grace that we, Like then, the meek and lowly. On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "The Solid Rock"

TOSB 222

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seem to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

A CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord, of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts of love alone.

I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!