# January 19, 2025 – The Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Livestream Liturgy



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#### +++THE GATHERING+++

**Prelude:** All Things Bright and Beautiful - arr. Mark Hayes

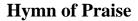
**Greetings & Announcements** 

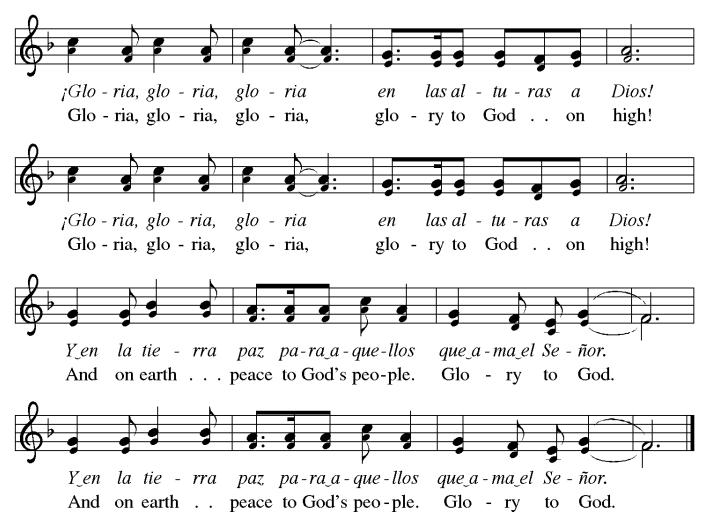
**Opening Hymn:** "All Are Welcome" (v. 1-3)



all are wel-come, all are wel - come in this place.

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





- P) Let us pray ... 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.
- C) Amen.

#### +++THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +++

## First Reading: 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.

- *R)* The Word of the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10** (Read responsively by whole verse)

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,

and your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life,

and in your light we see light.

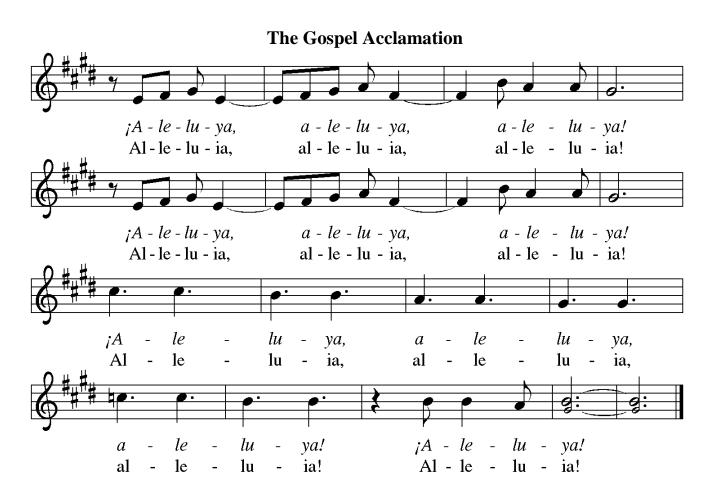
Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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.

- *R)* The Word of the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God.



- *P)* The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.
- C) Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel: John 2:1-11

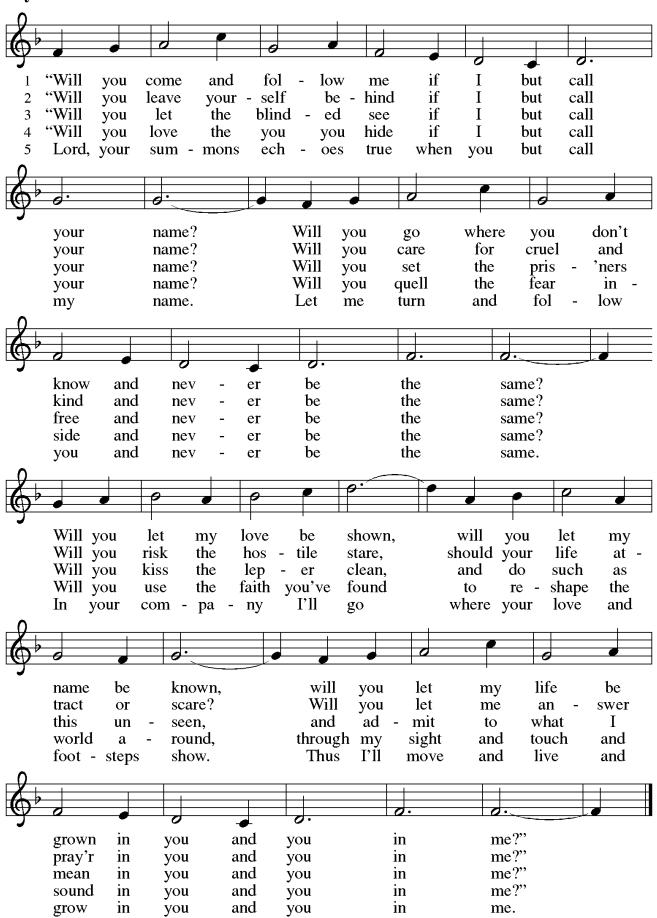
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? 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.

- *P)* The Gospel of the Lord.
- C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

**Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me"



## **Apostles' Creed**

C) 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.

#### THE PRAYERS

P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition concludes:

- P) Lord, in your mercy,
- C) Hear our prayer.
- P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.
- P) As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P) Strong and faithful God,
- C) we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world.

We have closed our hearts to your love.

We have resisted your light.

We have failed to proclaim your mercy.

Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone,

heal us with your abundant grace,

and help us walk as children of the light.

Amen.

- P) In the mercy of God, Jesus came into the world to save and forgive us. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) Amen.

## The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C) And also with you.

# The Offering

We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, please give electronically or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!



# **The Offertory**

I Love to Tell the Story with Jesus Loves Me - arr. Marty Parks

## **Offertory Prayer**

- P) Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
- C) And also with you.
- P) Lift up your hearts.
- C) We lift them to the Lord.
- P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## The Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

P) Blessed are you, Gracious heavenly Father: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful Word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and these gifts of bread and wine,

that, refreshed with this heavenly food,

we may be light for the world,

revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

C) Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

- P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C) 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.

#### Lamb of God



#### Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafters are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words: *The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.* 

## **Music During Communion**

The Love of God - arr. Marty Parks

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) Amen.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

- P) Let us pray... God of light, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this supper we have feasted on your grace. Send us forth into the world to be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.

## **The Benediction**

- P) God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.
- C) Amen.

## **Closing Hymn:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

#### **Dismissal**

- P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God!

#### **Postlude**

Altar flowers are given by Diane & Michael Shell to the glory of God!

# Please also join us on:

Sunday, January 26 Worship @ 10:00 am

(in-person & <u>live stream on Facebook</u>)

Annual Congregational Meeting @ 11:00 am

Stepping Stones Shelter Dinner - This Sunday, January 19, during the adult Sunday School hour, we will be making a dinner for Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter, a family shelter in Rockville. Please come to the Fellowship Hall and help us prepare the meal!

Rise Against Hunger - Darnestown Presbyterian has invited us to join them at their Rise Against Hunger meal packaging service project at their church on Monday, January 20 at 9am. Please register in advance to hold your spot. Help pack dry ingredients that will serve a thousand meals! SSL Hours are available! To learn more, visit this site.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 am (immediately following the worship service). At this meeting, we'll hear about plans for 2025, adopt the budget and elect new Council members. Members are encouraged to attend in-person, but may also join by Zoom by clicking here. Everyone is also encouraged to read the Annual Report by clicking here. (Note that we will update this link as we get more reports in.)

There will be no Youth Sunday School or Coffee and Conversation on January 26, so everyone can attend the Annual Meeting.

Time to Tackle Hunger - Souper Bowl of Caring 2025 - February is almost here, which means it's time to tackle hunger with the Souper Bowl of Caring! Bring in your cans of ready-to-eat soup and stew (hearty choices with lots of protein are preferred) to PoP, starting on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> through Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. Vote for your favorite team by placing your cans in their box, or should you stack the deck since Prince of Peace has a history of picking the losing team?? Either way, Gaithersburg Help wins as we all come together to feed hungry neighbors. Youth Sunday School will count up the final can tally on Sunday, February 9.

Social Justice Ministry is collecting coats, shoes, mittens and other cold weather items for children at Brown Station Elementary School. If you have a coat or boots that you don't use or a child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the school. There is a box at church for donations. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Maloney.

Haven Universe "Saturday Night Alive!" Non-profit, Haven Universe has been partnering with Prince of Peace for several years and invites you to volunteer (or be a guest!) at HU "Saturday Night Alive." These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers. "Saturday Night Alive" events will occur on the following dates from 4:00-6:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School: February 15, March 15, April 5, May 3. (The location of the January 18 event will be the PoP Fellowship Hall, same time!) Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, gym setup/takedown, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. This is a chance to see God's work through our hands. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact Ric or Sherry Kienzle for questions. We hope you can join us to be a witness of Christ to others!

Has your 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grader been presented a Bible by Prince of Peace? If not, please contact Janet Levine (<u>Lyle1Janet@msn.com</u>) so they can be given a Bible during a worship service this spring.

PoP Mobility Objects Closet (PoP MoC) - Prince of Peace Care Team has long dreamed of being able to provide mobility assistance tools for those in our congregation with broken bones, orthopedic surgery, strokes, or other mobility issues. We have now accumulated a number of relevant items for use by members of PoP and are very grateful to those who have donated items to make this a reality. We anticipate that additional items will continue to be added to the inventory. To borrow equipment, please send Sharon an email smwahl16@gmail.com or text (301-452-5100) and indicate which item(s) you are interested in checking out. We can assist you in obtaining the equipment, but your medical professional will need to instruct you in its use. Use of the equipment is free, but once you have completed use of the equipment, please be sure that it is clean, in good condition, and ready for the next person. Let Sharon know that you are returning it to PoP and checking it in and/or if you need assistance in returning it to PoP. To maintain an up-to-date inventory, checkout and check-in dates need to be documented. We are delighted to report that PoP members are already taking advantage of this opportunity! Items currently available include: Rollator Walker (foldable with seat and 4 wheels), 2 Folding Walkers (with 2 front wheels), Cane, Crutches, Wheelchair, Bedside portable commode with handles (can be used as a freestanding bedside commode, over a toilet or as a shower chair).

**Food for Thought:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 *Corinthians 5:17*)

<b>Prince of Peace welcomes people</b> as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

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Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21