

# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

*O Lamb of God*

J. S. Bach

## Opening Hymn 7 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

*The Celebrant then says,*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Glory to God



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



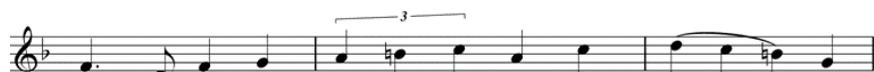
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



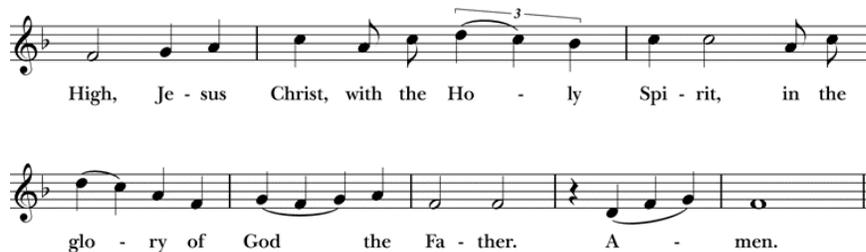
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
 The LORD called me before I was born,  
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
 he made me a polished arrow,  
 in his quiver he hid me away.  
 And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
 But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
 and my reward with my God."  
 And now the LORD says,  
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him,  
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
 and my God has become my strength--  
 he says,  
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 40:1-12**

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

**A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to  
be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given  
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and  
knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--  
- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the  
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of  
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 439** "What wondrous love is this"

**The Gospel: John 1:29-42**

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks  
ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing  
with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw  
the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not  
know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see  
the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself  
have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus  
walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say  
this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,  
"What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher),  
"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he  
was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the  
afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon  
Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the  
Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him  
and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated  
Peter).

*Deacon/Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

#### **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
    and became truly human.  
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,  
    who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
    who 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.

#### **Prayers of the People, Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

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

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

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

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on... and those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give...and to all the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We pray for the search for the next Bishop of Southern Ohio,

*May we be led to the one who will lead us to you.*

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

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life. For...who are celebrating their birthdays this week and for...who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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.

### **The Absolution**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

### **Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*We the Lord's People*

Jeffrey H. Rickard

*The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)*

#### Doxology

\*3 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.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship-Eucharistic Prayer 2. The people's responses are in italics.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

#### *Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Patrick and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Presider*

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 for ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Hymn

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Invitation

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn** LEVAS II 136 “I have decided to follow Jesus”

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Eucharistic Visitor Sending**

*Officiant*

We send you out in the Name of God to those who can't be here today bearing the body of Christ so they may be the body of Christ.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 535** “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

**Dismissal**

*Deacon*            Let us bless the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Henry V. Gerike