

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 16, 2022

READINGS: FIRST CORINTHIANS 12:2-11; PSALM 36:5-10; JOHN 2:1-11

WE WELCOME THE REV. DONNA LOCKHART, DEACON, TO WORSHIP WITH US THIS MORNING.

Organ: The Wedding at Cana - Sally Ann Morris

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia. Jesus manifested his glory; And his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.

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.**

Hymn 538, God of Mercy, God of Grace

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

God of endless redemption, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

In this reading Paul commends spiritual gifts, but instructs the Corinthians in their proper use in the service of Jesus' lordship. All are to be used for the common good.

My friends, 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 is a hymn of trust in the Lord. The cantor sings the refrain, all repeat, and then sing as indicated:

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. **R.**

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. **R.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD honor and power. Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. **R.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." **R.**

Our gospel is the story of Jesus' changing of water into wine during a wedding feast. The evangelist enriches the narrative with deep symbolism. God's grace, the "best wine", will be saved until last and will be given in astonishing abundance.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began calling his disciples to follow him. He went to Galilee, and on the third day there was a wedding in Cana. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael L. Bradley, rector

Affirmation of Faith – From the Iona Community

We believe in God:

Whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was made human in Jesus of Nazareth,
Whose love was crucified by the evil that can entrap us.

Therefore, though we sometimes are fearful and doubting, we trust in God, and in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves:

To the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace,
To care for the earth, to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
To live in the freedom of forgiveness, the power of the spirit of Love,
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church.
For the glory of God. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By Jesus' changing of water into wine; the sign of God's overflowing grace, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

The people are invited to add their own petitions.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept.*

Loving God; Have mercy upon us, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all falsehood, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Organ: Andante - Johann Pachelbel

All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In Christ you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light of all peoples. Now that his glory has shone among us, you have renewed our very humanity in his immortal image.

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:

(Hymnal S-125) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

After the breaking of the bread:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them and rejoice that Christ's light shines in all the world, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

All are invited to come forward and receive the Body of Christ. Those who desire a blessing, please keep your hands folded as a sign to the celebrant.

After all have received Communion, please stand and pray together:

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifested in us, that our lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 615: Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee

Organ: from "Suite de Symphonies": Fanfare-Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret

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