4th Sunday After Epiphany John 2 - Jesus' First Miracle

AS WE GATHER

In His first miracle at Cana, Jesus manifests His glory at a wedding feast by changing water into wine! In this miracle

Jesus shows Himself to be the Lord of Creation, and the one who provides for all our needs.

SPECIAL MUSIC - "The Epiphany Song" Sunday School Students

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

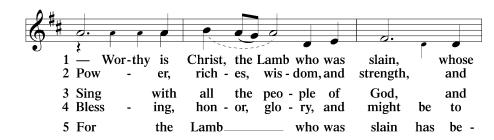
People: Amen.

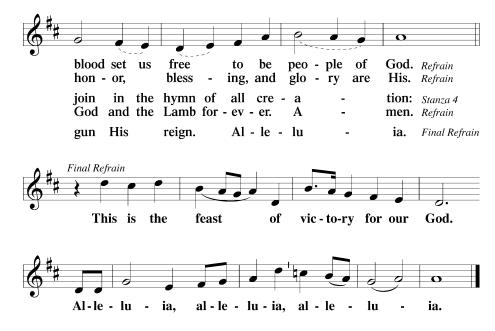
HYMN OF PRAISE - This is the Feast

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myşelf will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet

who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

1st Corinthians 8:1-6

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

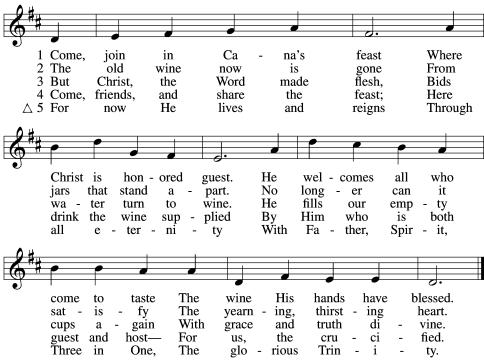
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007 Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING (Offering plates are located in the back of the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We pray for the people of God and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of Creation, you showed Your grace, kindness, and abundant generosity in your first miracle, graciously supply all of our needs of body and soul, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father of all creation, we give thanks to you for the precious gift of physical life. Protect all children, those who are born and those who are unborn, and give wisdom, strength, and guidance to all mothers and fathers, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all who are in any need, adversity, or sickness (especially ...). May the Lord

who knows our needs before we even ask Him provide mercy, peace, and

healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your

mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

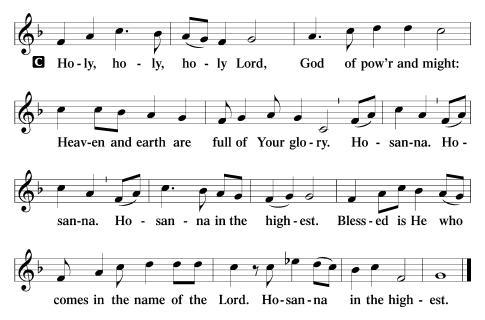
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and

singing:

SANCTUS LSB 161



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



THE DISTRIBUTION

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call.
 - Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ey'ry terror. Cleanses me from sin and

God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord

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He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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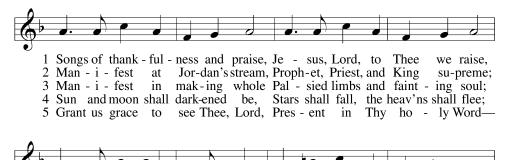
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

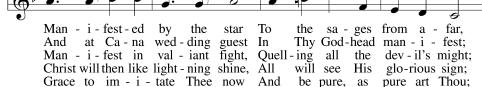
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise







Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine; Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill; All will then the trum - pet hear, All we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



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Song Leaders: Sat: Alex Barrows

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