

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 19 January Second Sunday After Epiphany



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God, you rule over everything in heaven and on earth. In mercy listen to the prayers of your people, and give us your peace in our times. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Come, let us gather in the presence of the One who turns water into wine, who transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary grace. We come to celebrate the miracle of Jesus, who brings joy and abundance to all who believe.

At a wedding in Cana, Jesus revealed his glory and began his ministry of renewal and transformation.

Let us open our hearts to Jesus' transforming power, trusting that he can bring new life to every empty place. Just as Jesus filled the jars with water, he fills us with his Spirit, equipping us for his work in the world.

We come with expectant hearts, ready to be transformed and empowered by his grace.

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

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IN CANA AT A WEDDING FEAST

In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked His first great sign. There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!" He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim; through water changed to wine that day, His friends believed in Him.

Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus' prayer retreat.
He healed their sick, then told His own, "You give them food to eat!"
Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share, yet thousands ate the meal He blessed, with baskets left to spare.

The blind, the poor, the outcast too, found Christ to be their friend. "Have mercy!" Bartimaeus said. "I want to see again." With great compassion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight. Through deeds of power, deeds of love, he filled our world with light.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes: You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies. You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole. You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

Author Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF ADORATION – KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

> Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

> Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

> Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

> Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, who came to transform our lives. As he turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, so do you turn our ordinary into the extraordinary. Grant us faith to see your hand at work in our lives, and equip us to be vessels of your grace and transformation. Help us to witness the fullness of your love, to share it with others, and to live in the abundance you offer. In Jesus' name

we pray, amen.

PSALM 36:5-10

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast in the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

> Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5 God will restore Zion and rejoice in her

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

After the reading This is the Word of the LORD. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Gifts of the Spirit

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, it o another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

> After the reading This is the Word of the LORD. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 Jesus at the wedding in Cana

Before the reading Glory be to You, O LORD.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.' What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After the reading This is the gospel of the LORD. **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all.

> Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up, When I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all.

> Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

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MESSAGE

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WE BELIEVE

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear There is only one foundation We believe we believe

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again (We believe)

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing And in our weakness and temptations We believe we believe

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

We come before you with humble hearts, offering a portion of what you have so richly blessed us with. Just as Jesus transformed water into wine at the wedding in Cana, take these gifts and transform them for your glory. You are able to turn even the simplest gifts into blessings that overflow. May our offerings be a sign of our trust in your abundant provision. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God is more ready to give good gifts to us than we are to ask for them. Let us come before him and pray for ourselves and others.

Heavenly Father: we pray for your holy church throughout the world. Fill it with all truth, and peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided, heal it and unite it in your love.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

God of justice and truth, grant to our governments and all who serve in public life, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy. Protect them from corruption and the temptation of self-service. Help us to commit ourselves to the common good so that our land may be a secure home for everyone.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, your Son was present at the wedding of Cana and blessed it. Uphold your creation of marriage and family in our land. Help husbands and wives to recognise your hand in marriage and so remain faithful to each other. Bind parents and children together with mutual love and honour, and may they together learn of your love and place their trust in you.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Merciful and loving God, we pray for family and friends who are estranged from our church family. Protect them from harm, direct them in your way, strengthen them in their difficulty, and give them a firm trust in your goodness. Give us loving and forgiving hearts so that relationships can be healed.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Watch over and protect all those who are returning to work after the holidays. Give them integrity and renewed enthusiasm for their various vocations and may they bring the light of Christ to their places of work. Uphold those who are unemployed or underemployed and open up new opportunities for them according to your will. *Lord in your mercy*: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, your Son showed his glory at the wedding feast in Cana. Grant that we may be gathered together at your table in glory to celebrate the marriage feast that has no end. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING TO SHARE

May you go with joy, knowing that Jesus brings abundance from emptiness. **May you go with joy, knowing that Jesus brings abundance from emptiness.** *As Jesus turned water into wine, may he bring new life to your heart.* **As Jesus turned water into wine, may he bring new life to your heart.** *May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others.* **May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others. May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others. May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others. May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others. May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others. May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others. May Jesus give you what you need to love and serve others.**

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice Serve him with joy his praises tell Come now before him and rejoice Know that the Lord is God indeed He formed us all without our aid We are the flock he comes to feed The sheep who by his hand were made

O let the earth rejoice Lift up your voice and magnify his holy name O let the earth rejoice Lift up your voice and magnify his holy name

O enter then his gates with joy Within his courts his praise proclaim Let thankful songs your tongues employ O bless and magnify his name

O let the earth rejoice Lift up your voice and magnify his holy name O let the earth rejoice Lift up your voice and magnify his holy name

> Because the Lord our God is good His mercy is forever sure His faithfulness at all times stood And shall from age to age endure

O let the earth rejoice Lift up your voice and magnify his holy name O let the earth rejoice Lift up your voice and magnify his holy name

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

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

LHS

- 16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
- 29 Come, your hearts and voices raising
- The people that in darkness sat 30
- 43 Gentiles, rise to greet the morning
- 147 O Morning Star, so bright and fair
- AT
- 217 Shine, Jesus, shine
- TIS
- 199 Lord Jesus, our bright Morning Star
- Jesus shall reign where'er the sun 207
- The people that in darkness walked 274
- Hail to the Lord's anointed 275
- 282 The voice of God goes out to all the world

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 LHS

- 121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
- O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God 128
- 505 Father, who the light this day
- AT
- 168 Hear our prayer
- God sends us his Spirit 251
- TIS
- 399 Come, Spirit of God, holy Lord
- O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God 401
- Holy Spirit, ever dwelling 410
- 412 God sends us his Spirit

Gospel: John 2:1-11

LHS

- 47 Songs of thankfulness and praise
- 582 Lord, who at Cana's wedding feast
- O Father all creating 583
- AT
- 425 God moving
- TIS

- Glorious things of thee are spoken 187
- Zion stands, securely founded 190
- The Church's one foundation 191
- 219 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun
- 428 Morning sunshine
- Come, your hearts and voices raising 297
- Glorious things of you are spoken 446
- 457 The Church's one foundation
- 675 Lord, the light of your love (Shine,
- Jesus, shine)
- Beauty for brokenness 690
- Holy Spirit, ever dwelling 774
- 775 Let every Christian pray
- 264 Spirit of God
- Christ, be our light 313
- 413 Holy Spirit, come confirm us
- Christ, from whom all blessings flow 440
- 468 We are your people
- 589 O blessed home where man and wife 749 When Christ's appearing was made known