

Hymn of Invocation When Morning Gilds the Skies + The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism +

Introit PSALM 40

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;* I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation; I waited patiently for the LORD;* he inclined to me and | heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,* and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.* Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD. Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,* who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you!* I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told. Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;* I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<u>PSALM 139</u>

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!.

APPOINTED READINGS

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- 2. Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother Mary?

3. We find Jesus in a personal encounter with the Son of God

- 1. Everyone invited to a personal, life-changing experience
- 2. You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!

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<u>SERMON NOTES</u>

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 14 JANUARY 2024

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

O Lord, put a new song in our mouths. Lead us out of all deceit and into the confidence of Your truth. Let us proclaim Your wondrous deeds of faithfulness and salvation in Christ without fear or hesitancy. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

King of Israel, as You once called Samuel, Philip and Nathanael into Your service, be pleased now to call men into Your holy ministry. Give them a delight in Your Holy Scriptures, that their witness would lead many to follow Jesus, the Son of God. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, You call fathers, mothers and children to serve in their households. Let them serve eagerly, each according to their station, trusting that such love honors You. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, let all the nations and peoples of the earth ascribe to You the glory due Your name. Hear our prayers for all rulers and leaders, especially for Joseph, our president, and Bill, our governor, together with all legislators and judges. Direct them by Your Word and Spirit, and establish them in saving faith. Lead them in their offices to govern wisely for the good of their people. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, behold in mercy all for whom we pray [especially]

Bring healing, comfort, strength, patience and certainty to all in need. Receive our thanks for Your constant watch and merciful kindness. In every sorrow and every joy, do not let our eyes be drawn from the greater marvel of Your kindness in Christ Jesus, by whose grace and forgiveness alone we receive every blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

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Holy Lord, renew the gift of Your Holy Spirit to all who commune this day. Work in us true contrition to lament and abandon our sins, and so to come in confident faith to eat Your Son's body and drink His blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Lord, mighty God, You have shown us the face of Your mercy in Your Son, through whom all nations may find unity and life. Hear the prayers of Your people and grant what is needful to us and those for whom we pray, that trusting in Your mercy, our hearts may find perfect peace and rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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