

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**By our Baptism,
we are anointed by the
Holy Spirit,
adopted by
God the Father,
and called into the
fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Invocation. **Voices Raised to You We Offer** 795

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

INTROIT PSALM 19

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,* O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer. **The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,* and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.** Day to day | pours out speech,* and night to night reveals | knowledge. **There is no speech, nor | are there words,* whose voice | is not heard.** Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.* In them he has set a tent | for the sun. **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.**

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PSALM 40

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 after a lie!** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. **Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.** Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: **I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.**" I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. **I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.** As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve 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.** He has put a new song in my mouth!

APPOINTED READINGS 15 JANUARY 2023

Old Testament/Isaiah 49:1–7. Epistle/1 Corin.1:1–9 Gospel/John 1:29–42a

God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross

- "The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth." (Is. 49:6).
- John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him." (John 1:32).
- By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ". (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

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Hymn of the Day. *The Only Son from Heaven* 402

SERMON NOTES

Believe John and Follow Jesus! John 1:35-39

The following day as John was standing with two of his disciples, Jesus walked by. John looked at him intently and then declared, "See! There is the Lamb of God!" Then John's two disciples turned and followed Jesus. Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. "Sir," they replied, "where do you live?" "Come and see," he said. So they went with him to the place where he was staying and were with him from about four o'clock that afternoon until the evening. Just as the first disciples, we are compelled to believe what John tells us about the Lamb of God, and then take the risk of faith to follow Jesus wherever He is staying.

1. **We believe the message of John, the Spirit-filled prophet**
 1. Turn to God, change the way you think and act
 2. See! The Lamb of God
2. **We turn and follow Jesus to find God-With-Us**
 1. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, for a Good Shepherd
 2. Go with Jesus to the place where He is staying
3. **Believing and following Jesus moves us to invite others**
 1. Andrew found his own brother: We have found the Messiah
 2. Come unto Him, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

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O Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, for You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Answer us according to Your promises and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You formed Your Son in the womb of Your servant Mary to be a light for the nations. Preserve that light among Your people. Gather us around Your Word and Sacraments, enlighten and strengthen us by Your grace, and grant that we might reflect the light of Christ to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, the heavens declare Your handiwork, and each day and night testify to Your majesty. Bless all teachers and students, that in their explorations of the arts and sciences they may see Your creativity and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your Son consented to be the servant of rulers and to be abhorred by the nations so that He might redeem the world. Fortify all in authority with courage and wisdom to govern justly, and cultivate penitent hearts among them so that they may gladly prostrate themselves before their Redeemer on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing [*especially* _____+++++_____]. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, John the Baptist first revealed Your incarnate Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and foretold His victory over sin by the sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who receive that same body and blood of our resurrected Savior this day, that they would welcome Him in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; 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.**