

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

<u>INTROIT PSALM 36</u>

The Lord brought me to the ban- | queting house,* and his banner over | me was love. Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,* your faithfulness | to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;* your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!* The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings. They feast on the abundance | of your house,* and you give them drink from the river of | your delights. For with you is the foun- | tain of life;* in your light do | we see light. 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. [The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,* and his banner over | me was love.

<u>COLLECT</u>

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 128</u>

Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,* who walks | in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor | of your hands;* you shall be blessed, and it shall be | well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house;* your children will be like olive shoots around your | table. Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed* who | fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from | Zion!* May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life! May you see your children's | children!* Peace be upon | Israel! 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. The LORD bless you from | Zion!* May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life!

SELECTED READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 16 January 2022 Old Testament/Isaiah 62:1–5. Epistle/1 Corinthians 12:1–11. Gospel/John 2:1–11 The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

- When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was *"the first of his signs"* by which He *"manifested his glory."* It pointed to His coming *"hour,"* when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world. (John 2:4–32)
- The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them *"as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride."* (Is. 62:4–5)
- Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that *"Jesus is Lord,"* and they return thanks to Him *"in the Holy Spirit"* as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood. (1 Cor. 12:3)

Confession of Our Common Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day. Come, Join in Cana's Feast LSB #408

16 January 2022 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Mother of Jesus was there John 2:1-5

Let us pray: O divine fruit of Mary's womb, may I love you in union with the holy Mother of God. May my life be filled with the obedience of Saint Joseph, and the missionary fervor of the shepherds, so that the witness of my life may shine like the star that led the Magi to your Manger. Amen.

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

God has given us in the blessed virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, a picture of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church whose joy is to be with Christ, to pray for all men and to accept with child-like trust and confidence that God will always do what is best for us.

- 1. We find our joy in simply being with Jesus Christ
 - a. Joseph and Mary for 30 years of ordinary time
 - b. God-With-Us in Word and Sacrament, fellow believers
- 2. Mary teaches us to notice human need and bring it to the Lord a. "They have no wine!"
 - b. A famine of God's Word and the fruit of the Holy Spirit
- 3. We urge all mankind to trust God and His Word
 - a. "Do whatever He tells you!"
 - b. "The entirety of Your Word is truth, and everyone of Your righteous judgments endures forever (Psalm 119:160).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 16 JAN. 2022

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

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the Person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord of glory, preserve Your Son's Bride, the Church. Make it her constant joy and delight to preach the Good News of forgiveness in her Savior to poor sinners. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord of glory, You rule this world by Your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of Your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with Your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy especially

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Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and make us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**