

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025



THE WEDDING AT CANA

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we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Scripture Sentence

Processional Hymn “*Praise Him! Praise Him*”

1 Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
strength and honour give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
in His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain Praise Him, praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness;
praise Him, praise Him!
Ever in joyful song!

2 Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered, and bled, and died:
He-our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified!
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong. *Refrain*

3 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals, loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever;
Crown Him, crown Him! Prophet, and priest and king!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong. *Refrain*

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Greeting
Collect for Purity

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THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5 *Pew Bible p. 604*

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you. *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God’s word for God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**
 your justice like the great deep; *
 you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your
delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

**10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know
you, *
and your favour to those who are true of
heart.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *Pew Bible p. 933*

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn "*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*"

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,

Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In your birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest,
In your God-head manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water in to wine;
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul,
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might,
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord
Mirrored in your holy Word;
With your grace our lives endow,
Grace to imitate you now,
That we like to you may be
At your great epiphany,
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth 1862
Music: Jakob Hintze 178*

Gospel John 2:1-11 *Pew Bible p. 863*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’

⁴ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’

⁵ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it.

⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’

¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Fr Keith Joyce

Brief quiet time held for reflection

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

Offertory Hymn “*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*” CP
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Prayer over the Gifts *as given by the presider*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer *as announced*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread *as directed*

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The Communion

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While the church receives communion, in silence take this time to reflect or pray or sit in silence and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

“Lamb of God”

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“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” CP 441

“Be Exalted, O God”

I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord among the people
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great
Is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness
Thy faithfulness to the clouds

Chorus *Be exalted O God above the heavens*
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
Be exalted O God above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing *as given by the presider*

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn *“The Church’s One Foundation” CP 525*

Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bev Doiron & Sharon Titus
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Lori McGovern & Carol Patterson
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Sharon Titus
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Shayne Galbraith

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, Jan 19, 11:45 am	Lori McGovern
HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	Art VanWart Susan VanWart Ann Stone
Mon, Jan 20, 11:30 am	Bruce MacLeod
HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	Robert Green

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

Wed, Jan 22, 10:00 am

Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677

Wed, Jan 22, 7:00 pm

Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun, Feb 23, noon

ANNUALL GENERAL MEETING right after worship – a "*bagged lunch*" will be provided for all who attend!

FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

Notes on Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5 Persia has conquered Babylon and has permitted the people of Israel to return to a small parcel of land round Jerusalem. The land is ravished, and after initial elation, the people feel that God has ceased to care for them. Now God breaks his silence.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Early in this letter, Paul has noted that the Christians at Corinth "are not lacking in any spiritual gift"; even so, they appear to have written to him on the subject. He now teaches them more about gifts provided through the Holy Spirit.

John 2:1-11 John uses symbolism extensively in his telling of the good news. As he says near the end of the book, "these signs are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." Now John tells us of the first sign, revealing Jesus' glory.

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Next Sunday – January 26 *Third Sunday after The Epiphany* Scripture readings Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:1-10, 14; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

NOTICES

ANNUAL REPORTS for 2024 from committees and groups are due into Lori at the Parish Office no later than Friday, January 31. (That's only one week and five days to go!)

These reports are important in preparation for the February 23 Annual General Meeting.

Seafarer's Mission

We will be collecting items for the Seafarer's Mission during the month of January. Suggested items are hats, scarves, gloves or mitts, socks, wrapped hard candy (no chocolate), soap, toothpaste,

toothbrush, shampoo, shaving foam, razors, deodorant, lip balm, playing cards, puzzle, books, pens, writing paper, postcards.

Want to try something new? Meet new friends and learn a new skill! Our **Hand Bell Choir** is looking for new members. Can't read music.....that's OK, we will train you! Our mission is to play for others who enjoy this unique musical choir while having fun ourselves. Come and try it out. We practise Monday 6:45 to 8:00 pm at the Church of Good Shepherd on Manawagonish Rd, West. Call Lynn Adams at 635-8474 and/or you can leave a message with your name and phone number if you like.

Happy Birthday this Week to:

January 19– David Brown
January 20 – Sharon Titus



PRAYER

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Lillian Atkins, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Paula Baldwin, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Bea Conley, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Ann Hoben, David Maxwell, Pam Melanson, Gordon Morrell, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of *January 19-25*

Mon: Jack and Susan Taylor
Tue: Jeff Taylor and Kelly Mitchell
Wed: Lorraine Taylor
Thur: Chris & Sharon Titus, Rachel, Sarah & Christopher
Fri: Out of the Cold Shelter

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle

In January, we pray for all seafarers at the start of the New Year, that they may look forward to a satisfying job ahead and in our prayers, we remember their loved ones left behind.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson 672-8666

The **THIRD** of the Three 'Epiphanies' or manifestations
[*first*: coming of the Magi to the child Jesus; *second*:
heavenly affirmations of Jesus after his baptism]

Significance

The miracle at the **WEDDING AT CANA** is rich in symbolism and theological significance. It is the first of the "signs" in the Gospel of John, which reveal Jesus' glory and lead His disciples to believe in Him (John 2:11). The transformation of water into wine signifies the transformative power of Jesus' ministry and the new covenant He brings. The abundance and quality of the wine also symbolize the overflowing grace and blessings found in Christ.

Furthermore, the interaction between Jesus and Mary highlights the transition from His private life to His public ministry. Jesus' statement, "My hour has not yet come," alludes to the future culmination of His mission, particularly His death and resurrection.

Theological Implications

The Wedding at Cana underscores the divinity of Christ and His authority over creation. It also reflects the joy and celebration inherent in the Kingdom of God. The event serves as a reminder of Jesus' compassion and His willingness to meet human needs, even in seemingly mundane situations.

In the broader narrative of the Gospel, this miracle sets the stage for the unfolding revelation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, who brings spiritual renewal and salvation to humanity.



courtesy - https://biblehub.com/topical/t/the_wedding_at_cana.htm