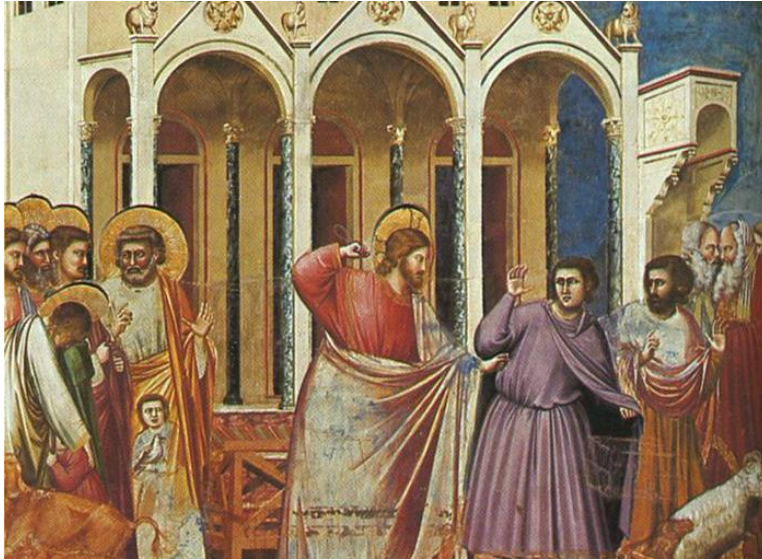


*Jesus was angry when he saw what was going on in the temple.
Sometimes anger is the right thing.*

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Second Sunday of Epiphany



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The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God’s mission of life?

WELCOME

AM: Good morning and welcome to worship. This morning we welcome all guests and persons new to our faith community. Please know we experience you as a gift from God. Trinity welcomes and affirms all persons into full participation in the life of our faith community. Welcome to worship.

GATHERING SONG

 *Built on a Rock, vv. 1 & 2*

Hymn #652

*Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling
Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.*

*Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling
High in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY REMEMBERED

AM: As part of the adoption of the “Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the People of African Descent,” a request was made to name a Day of Repentance for congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization to observe annually. The day named is the Tuesday in January following the national observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

P: Let us pray.

O God, in your divine mystery you embrace difference in unity, and you call your people to live in peace with all. We pray for an end to racial and ethnic prejudice.

Free us from the dread of difference. Free the church from constricting traditions. Free our society from centuries of violence against the other. Break down the walls that separate your people by color, culture, sexual

orientation or religion. Call us to repentance for our sins of racism and prejudice, known and unknown. Transform discrimination into a passion for justice. Guide us to nurture a society that embodies reconciliation and cooperation among all, for the sake of the one who embodies your love, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creative and loving God, you have searched us out and known us. All that we are is open to you.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned: we have put up walls between ourselves and you, closing our hearts to your gifts. We have failed to respect and honor the gifts you have given us in creation, earth and all living things. We squander the inheritance of generations to come.


P: We have sinned against each other: we have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors, giving in to fear, ignorance, and arrogance. We are stained by the sin of racism and fail to respect the gifts of all your peoples. We have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil; we have trusted false gods and listened to their promises; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other; we have fallen into deep despair.

ALL: In our despair we have forgotten you, and have gone away from your path. Forgive us for what we have done to hurt others and the ways we have hurt your earth. Give us your blessing and help. Let us walk in your great love; through the great peacemaker, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new! Live into this newness, in Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

 *Lift Every Voice and Sing, Hymn #841*

Kyle Miskovic

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.*

*Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. God of justice,

...Jesus was angry when he saw how people had twisted the purpose of the temple, your house from serving you to serving themselves. Remind us that how we treat your house, your mission, and your people matters. Amen.

PEACE

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

If you are gathered with friends or family, greet one another with the sign of peace.

WORD

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith. A reading from Psalm 127.

¹Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Word of God, Word of life.

The gospel according to John.

Glory to You, O Lord

John 2:13-25

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out

the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

AM: The gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Tom

A moment of silence follows to allow the Holy Spirit to instill and deepen faith in Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters, vv. 1 & 3* *Hymn #445*

*Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart’s delight.*

*Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!*

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. After the words
'*God of righteousness*' please respond '**Hear our prayer.**'

AM: Merciful God, so often we turn what was meant to be good into something self-serving, distorted, or unjust. Forgive us and lead us back to your right paths. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Triune God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Inspire us by the lives of your servants like Martin Luther King, Jr., who saw a vision of your justice and gave his life to bring it about. Move us by your passion for the disenfranchised, the persecuted, and the misunderstood. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Your sanctuary is a place of prayer, praise, and healing. Grant to all who need it your wholeness and restoration, especially... God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Our legacy is with all those who, throughout the ages, saw injustice and didn't rest, but rather fought to restore your good order to the world. Join us with them and give us also their zeal and love for you. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

P: (Here other petitions are offered.) God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: All these things we entrust to you, knowing that you are ultimately merciful and have already heard our prayers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

AM: When we give a financial gift, we give it not to receive God's forgiveness but in gratitude for it. Give today with intentionality by reminding yourself that God is the source of all that we have. The slide outlines the different ways you can give.

Thank you and thank God for you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AM: Let us pray:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

GREAT THANKSGIVING

AM: For those watching from home, you may take bread and wine or grape juice that you have available and offer them now to God for consecration. Communion will also be distributed after worship by those who prefer driving up for it from 9:30-10:00am.

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new
covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and
on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with
your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

With your Holy Ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen**

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

 *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen, vv. 1 & 4* *Hymn #548*

*Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.*

*Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.*

DISMISSAL

AM: Go into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!