Second Sunday after Epiphany  

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at Jesus’ baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together

GATHERING SONGS  stand

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.
2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.
3. Sister Wisdom, come assist us, nurture all who seek rebirth.

Follow closely what she teaches,
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
Spirit it guide and close companion,

For her words are right and true,
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
When the word takes root and ripens,
Bring to light our sacred worth.

Wisdom must do,
Wisdom must do,
Wisdom must do,
Wisdom must do.
Be Bold, Be Strong

God of joy and celebration,
God of love and mercy,
God of peace and righteousness;

We sing aloud and dance with the angels. The ruler of all worlds, the shepherd of creation.
Jesus Christ has entered our world.

Our Savior Christ has come into the world,
Not in power, not in might, but in tenderness,
He comes as the promise of life hidden in a mother’s womb.

In this season we celebrate with the angels. We are graced by the wonder of God’s presence.
We are filled with the tenderness of Christ’s love. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.
KYRIE
When we lose faith in the goodness of creation,
and in the father-like love of our Creator:

Lord, have mercy.

When we lose faith in Jesus as the true reflection
of your suffering, death-conquering, redeeming love:

Christ, have mercy.

Most loving God, for the Word of mercy made flesh in Jesus Christ,
unmistakable and uncompromising in strong compassion:

we give you thanks.

For every word of love and forgiveness,
in individual people, in fellowship, and in prayer and worship:

we give you thanks.

For that insight or understanding within us,
that allows us to accept forgiveness
and to live with the joy of the freedom of God:

we give you thanks,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of
your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that
we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.  \textit{sit}

WORD
\textit{God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song}

FIRST READING
Isaiah 62:1-5
\textit{The people’s return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.}

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\item For 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.
\item The 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.
\item You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
\item You 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.
\item For 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.
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The Word of the Lord.  \textit{Thanks be to God.}
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 humankind and animals, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God!  
All 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 lovingkindness to those who know you,  
your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God’s Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore 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.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to 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. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

stand

Celtic Alleluia

Musicians: F. E. Carroll and Christopher Walker

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GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus’ signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God’s creative power and joyful presence into the world.

After the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 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,” 

10 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ. sit

SERMON

SERMON SONG   stand   For by Grace

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is

not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Salvation, salvation, salvation, salvation, it is the gift of God.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is

not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION   stand

You may share your intercessions by posting in the comments section.

People with long term prayer needs are: Girma, Jimmy, John, Clement, Katie J., Alan, Katie, Mickey, Robert L.

Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world.

Gracious God, in every age you have sent men and women who have given their lives in witness to your love and truth. Inspire us with the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose faithfulness led to the way of the cross.
We lament historical injustice — and we pray that you bless indigenous peoples, descendants of Africans, and all immigrants to this land, and that you form us into a nation in which all are honored in equal measure. **Give us courage to bear full witness with our lives to your Son’s victory over sin and death.**

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

We pray for the grieving families of the victims of the apartment fire in the Bronx last Sunday. **May they know your consolation and the love of this city.**

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

We lament the sadness and tiredness that we all know because of the coronavirus. **We pray that you bring strength for teachers and parents, health to the sick, resilience to health workers, and vaccinations to everyone.**

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

We forget that You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transitions. **Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love.**

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

Behold today these people for whom we pray, especially…

the family and friends of Mary Katherine Jordan at her passing, the family and friends of John O’Donnell’s sister, Violet Oggeri, who passed away last Sunday, and for those whose names we bring to you now, each in our own way…

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

Bring healing, comfort, and strength to us all. **When we fear, keep our eyes on the marvel of Christ, by whose grace and forgiveness we find patience and certainty.** In His mighty name we pray. Amen.

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. All now greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

**OFFERING for God’s work through our church**

You may also make your offering online (www.stlukesnyc.org) using the “Offering” button, or mail to the church. Alternatively, open the camera on your phone and scan this code to make a donation electronically.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Holy God,

Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,

we hear your Word in the scriptures,

proclaiming to us your wisdom

and inviting us to follow your call.

For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,

who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,

and revived the brokenhearted.

For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.

By your Spirit, bless all who receive this Word,

that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
**For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.**

Blessed are you, holy God,
around us, with us, and in us,
now and forever.
**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
  hallowed be your name,
  your kingdom come,
  your will be done,
  on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
  as we forgive those
  who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
  and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
  and the glory are yours,
  now and forever. Amen

**SENDING**

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

**BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
➕ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

**SENDING SONG** _stand_  May the God of Hope Go With Us

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

¡Dios de la esperanza, dame gozoy paz! Al mundo en nos tu luz, luz y esperanza en la cura --
DISMISSAL
Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Allemanda from English Suite No. 3, BWV 808  J.S. Bach

Please leave in silence for those who remain to enjoy the Postlude.
Refrain from loitering in the building for your safety. Pastor will greet people outside after worship.

Preaching: Pastor Strasser
Lector: Grant Neale
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Postlude: Karin Fukumi

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Welcome, visitors! Saint Luke’s pleased to welcome visitors from near and far. We pray that your worship with us will be a rich experience. Please sign our Guest Registry in the Narthex. Stay connected with Saint Luke’s – enter your email address when you sign our Guest Registry.

Restrooms:
Ladies: use the restroom outside the Narthex near the elevator.
Men: follow the signs to the 2nd Floor restroom.
There is a Drinking Fountain located next to the Ladies Restroom.

Worship Protocols: Public health and safety is important. The most important safe practice is to keep your mask on indoors. Seating is socially distanced. We provide plenty of fresh air, outdoor fellowship, and sanitizers on hand. Our greeters are masked. While outdoors, masks are optional. The passing of the peace will be more flexible, allowing for hand shaking only for those who wish to.

Birthdays and special Occasions this coming week: Mark Hanke (today, 1/16), Mike Brouwer (1/19), Veanne Cox (1/19), Emmet MacDonagh (1/20), Tricia and Rian Wilkinson (1/20)

THE NEW YORK DIAKONIA PROGRAM - All are Welcome! Five Weekly Classes beginning this Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Our next mini-course is “Christian Worship” and you’re invited. Have you ever wondered why we worship the way we do? Would you like to learn more about the sacraments, the liturgy, or the seasons of the church year? We’ll learn about the biblical roots of our worship and the diversity of worship across our national church. The course will be taught by our own Pastor Martha Jacobi and be held Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Zoom. We invite you to attend a class to try it out! For anyone interested in this study program, the cost of this course for new members is just $35. Email the Office if you are interested and for more information.

2022 Offering envelopes are available. If you use the boxed envelope sets, please see Bob to receive yours.
The 2022 Lutheran Church Year calendars are available in the Narthex.
Weekday Morning Prayer – 8:00 am. Our daily online Morning Prayer service, every weekday at 8 AM, is live streamed (online only) at www.facebook.com/StLukesNewYork. A short 15 minutes with scripture and reflection to start your day right and strengthen your faith. You’re invited.
Holy Communion is celebrated at 12:00 Noon Wednesdays. If you can't attend a regular Sunday service, or would like to celebrate Communion during the week, join us for this intimate worship experience.
Worship assistants are needed – you can help. Consider volunteering on a Sunday to serve in an altar
leadership role. If you’ve never done it but have been thinking about it, speak to Bob or someone you’ve seen serve. They will gladly walk with you and introduce you to helping in our worship services. Try it sometime this year.

**Interested in joining our Choir?** The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. New members are welcome - if you are interested, please speak with Pedro for more information.

**Your gifts to the Flower Fund are always welcome.** Consider donating for a particular Sunday for the Memory or Honor of a loved one, to commemorate an important date in your life, or for the Glory of God’s house and Blessings received. Email the office with the details and date in advance please. Your offering may be submitted using a Pew Envelope, through our website, or mail your check to the church.

**This Week at Saint Luke’s**

**TODAY — January 16**
Second Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 am Service of the Word
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
6:00 pm Church Council meeting on Zoom

**WEDNESDAY — January 19**
OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
12:00 Noon Holy Communion

**MONDAY — January 17**
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live

**THURSDAY — January 20**
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen
6:30 to 9:30 pm Diakonia Class on Zoom

**TUESDAY — January 18**
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY — January 21**
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, January 23, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Service of the Word 9:30 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

_Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah_

_Saint Luke’s is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation._

We welcome all who are seeking God’s love, regardless of race or culture, economic or life situation, sexual orientation or gender identity, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, spouses and partners are welcome. Your uniqueness enriches our community.

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