

Worship Plan for Sunday, January 19, 2020, Second Sunday After Epiphany

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over
the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of
Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
we have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over
mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what
shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

O God of Light

(ELW 507)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through
your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you, and joyfully find
you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

(The reading is read by the lay assistant)

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 49:1-7

A reading from the Isaiah..

49 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

A reading from First Corinthians

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

(ELW p. 171)

(The gospel is read by the pastor)

THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

(ELW 815)

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending,
the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations, and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through the challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you. We pray especially for.... And for those who now name aloud or silently in our hearts....

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you. Inspire our lives with their testimony.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(This is the Feast)

On the night 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come. Be filled with the light and life of Jesus, our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

Distribution Songs

<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>(ELW p. 174)</i>
<i>Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am</i>	<i>(ELW 814 – 5 x)</i>
<i>Come to the Table</i>	<i>(ELW 481 – 2 x)</i>

(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
 You have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure.
 Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love
 and sing your praise both now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Please turn to your neighbor and share this blessing with him or her:

May the Light of Christ....

Shine through us!

(those 2 lines are displayed on the screen to remind people)

SENDING SONG

O Living Bread from Heaven

(ELW 542)

(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

Thanks be to God!