



Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• Second Sunday after Epiphany C • January 19, 2025 •

Opening Hymn 135

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Penitential Rite

When Jesus' hour had come at last, O God, the hour when he embraced us from the cross, you gathered the human race together and made us one in Christ, the Lord and Bridegroom of the church. As we assemble today to celebrate the Lord's Day, let your holy church experience anew the transforming power of your love, and, as we prepare to find hope in sharing this joyful foretaste of heaven's eternal wedding feast, let us prepare ourselves by confessing our sins against you, our God, and our neighbors.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur

O God, be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all
the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for
you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all
the peoples praise you.

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 favor to those who are true
of heart.

The Celebrant says to the people
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson is from Book of Isaiah (62:1-5)

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. 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. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the

hand of your God. 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. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Canticle G: A Song of Ezekiel *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

I will take you from among all nations; * and gather you from all lands to bring you home.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you; * and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you * and a new spirit put within you.

I will take the stone heart from your chest * and give you a heart of flesh.

I will help you walk in my laws * and cherish my commandments and do them.

You shall be my people, * and I will be your God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be. **Amen.**

The **second lesson** is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:1-11)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 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. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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Canticle K: A Song of Our Adoption *Ephesians 1:3-10*

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, * for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, * that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, * according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, * that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, * the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace * which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, * the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, * as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, * things in heaven and things on earth.

The Holy **Gospel** of our Lord according to St John (2:2-11)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 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." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Music: Michael Green- Amazing Grace

Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
*Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

As God's chosen and priestly people, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world, saying: O gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

(As the Spirit moves you, please take turns reading one of the petitions.)

We pray for the people of God, loved wholly by God and sent to be light in the world. O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For leaders of all nations, and for those who serve us in government, that all people may work for peace and justice, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of prejudice, especially those for religious reasons, that they may find welcoming love in our community of faith. O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all married couples and their families, that they may share the joy and love of God for all, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all members of our community, that we may recognize the gifts we have received from the Spirit and use them freely for the good of all, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all members of this church community, their neighbors and loved ones, who are sick, or grieving. We pray especially for O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the recently departed: O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For the men and women serving our country far from home and in perilous situations; that they be protected from harm and perform their tasks with dignity and justice, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Holy God, lover of the human family and helper of all in need, hear the prayers we offer in faith, and strengthen us in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn Please See insert

Prayer over the gifts:

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Because in Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption, as sons and daughters of God we dare to pray:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread-

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Behold the true Light of the world, the Beloved of God, anointed by the Spirit. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Communion Hymn

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Lord, send your light upon your family, infuse them with your grace that they may always do what is right in your sight.
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you._
And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. **Amen.**

Closing hymn Great is thy Faithfulness *-Please see insert*

Listening for God's voice, and eager to do God's will, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.