

# First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 10, 2021

## 10:00 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

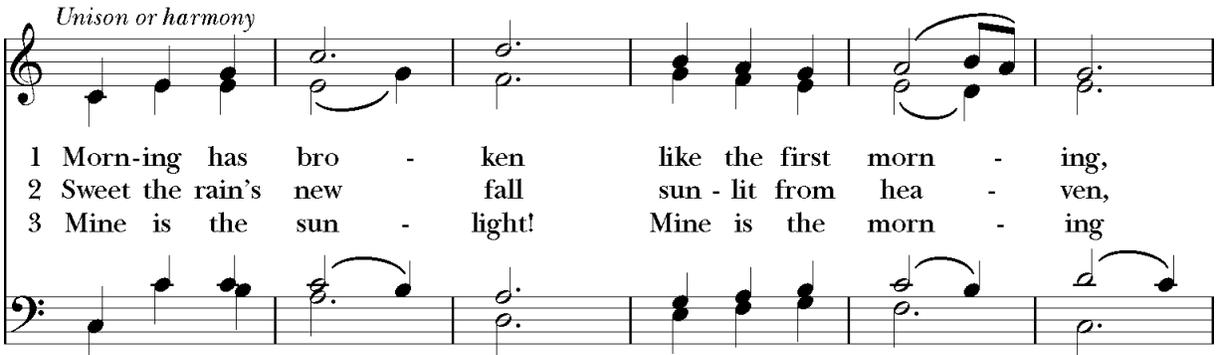
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### Opening Hymn:

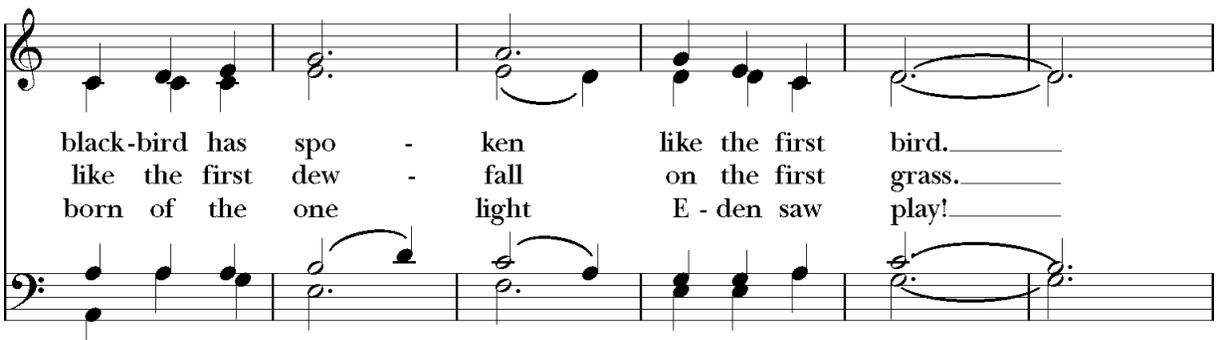
*“Morning has broken”*

Hymnal #8

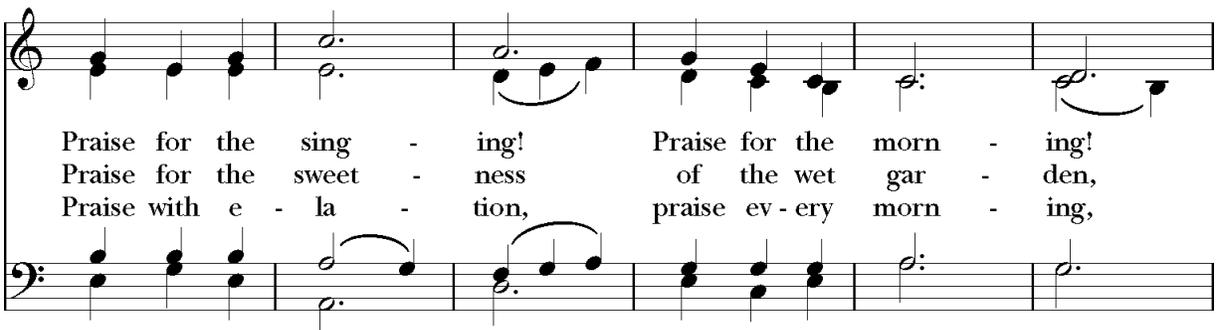
*Unison or harmony*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

(\*Special thanks to Ben Gallagher and Adam and Alissa Teachout for the music!)

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "Lord, open our lips" on page 80.*

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### **Opening Sentence**

*Officiant:* I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

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*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "Lord, open our lips."*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

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*The Officiant says*

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People:*

**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. Alleluia.**

*Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.*

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**Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

*To be read in unison*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Psalm 29** *(Begins on the bottom of page 620)*

*To be read in responsively by whole verse, with the congregation reading the **bold**.*

*Leader:* Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

*People:* **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

**First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1-5.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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**Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah**    *Isaiah 12:2-6*

*To be read in unison*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***  
**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***  
**and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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.**

**Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 19, verses 1-7.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

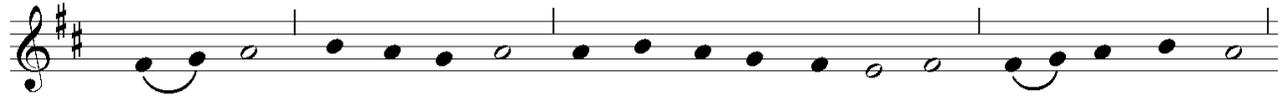
*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 20 Glory to God S-277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## **Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11**

*Deacon:* A Reading from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 1, verses 4-11.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Deacon:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Mike Margerum, Deacon

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

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## **The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

## **Suffrage B**

*Leader:* V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People:* R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant:* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

## **A Collect for Peace (Page 99)**

*Officiant:* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, you humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Mission (Page 100)**

*Officiant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Special Prayers and Blessings**

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### **51. For a Birthday:** *Peter Papadakos, Lori Stratton*

*To be prayed in unison*

**Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **50. For a Birthday (But we are using it for a Wedding Anniversary) (Page 830)**

*To be prayed in unison*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants \_\_\_\_\_ as they begin another year together. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **47. For Young Persons (Page 829)**

*To be prayed in unison*

**God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **53. For Travelers (Page 831)**

*To be prayed in unison*

**O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Bishop Search Prayer for the Diocese**

*To be prayed in unison*

**Gracious God, our nurturing and guiding parent, we thank you for our Church and for our family of Churches in our diocese. We ask for your wisdom and direction as we seek a new Bishop for your family. We ask for your guidance especially for the members of our Standing Committee, Search Committee, and Transition Committee as they plan, prepare, and search for a faithful servant who will lead and support us in our ministries. Bless the servant you will bring to us, and give them clear direction in their discernment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III (Page 387)**

*The Deacon (or other Leader) and People pray responsively.*

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

***People:* That we all may be one.**

*Silence*

*Leader:* We pray for all members of the Body of Christ especially

For the Epiphany Episcopal Church, Las Vegas,

For the Anglican Church in the Province of the Congo,

For New Seasons Church, Sparks.

*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader:* We pray for: Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Jim, our assisting Bishop;

and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader:* We pray for:

Donald, our President;

Steve, our Governor;

Hillary and Ed, our Mayors;

and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader:* We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially for **Connie, Jori, Janet, Rita, Jeff, Todd.**

*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name...

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader:* We pray for the safety of Mark, Bradley, Alex, Suzanne and all the men and women, both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect humanity.

*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Short Pause)*

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Offering**

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\*\*\*A contribution to the **Ambry Light** this week has been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frederick Soule and in thanksgiving for her sister Elizabeth's birthday by Margaret Bouzek.

**Hymn:** "I saw the light"

*(\*Special thanks for Dottie Stufflebeam, James Stufflebeam, Tricia Woodliff, Nancy Lightfoot, Tim Miller, and Robert Monroy.)*

I wandered so aimless Life filled with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

**Chorus:**

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, No more night  
Now I'm so happy, No sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along.  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man That God gave back  
his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

**Chorus:**

I was a fool to wander and stray.  
Straight is the gate And narrow the way.  
Now I have traded The wrong for the right.

Praise the Lord I saw the light.

**Chorus: x2**

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## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Then may be said*

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*