

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#) (*As those in marriage rejoice in love, so God rejoices over you*)

[Psalm 36:5-10](#) (*In God is the fountain of life; in God's light we see light*)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#) (*There are many gifts, but the same Spirit*)

[John 2:1-11](#) (*The wedding at Cana*)

Themes: Family, Children of God, Miracles, Light, Spirit, Spiritual Gifts

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

- [All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name](#) (*CORONATION; DIADEM; MILES LANE*) Isaiah
- [Blest Be the Tie That Binds](#) (*DENNIS*) John
- [Christ Be Our Light](#) (*CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT*) 1 Corinthians
- [Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire](#) (*VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS*) 1 Corinthians
- [Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#) (*NETTLETON*) Psalms
- [Great Is Thy Faithfulness](#) (*FAITHFULNESS*) Psalms
- [Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise](#) (*ST. DENIO*) Psalms
- [Lift Every Voice and Sing](#) (*LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING*) Isaiah, MLK
- [Like a River Glorious](#) (*WYE VALLEY*) Psalms
- [Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song](#) (*BRIDEGROOM*) 1 Corinthians
- [One Bread, One Body](#) (*ONE BREAD, ONE BODY*) 1 Corinthians, Communion
- [Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart](#) (*MARION*) Isaiah
- [They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love](#) (*ST. BRENDAN'S*) 1 Corinthians
- [When Love Is Found](#) (*O WALY, WALY*) 1 Corinthians, John

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

And the Father Will Dance – M..... Isaiah
Mark Hayes
© 1983, Hinshaw Music, HMC-637
SATB, Piano

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word – E John
Franklin Ashdown
© 2008, Concordia Publishing, 98-3947
SATB, Organ, opt. Violin

The Call – EIsaiah, Psalms, 1 Cor., John
John Leavitt
© 1987, GIA Publications, G-9197
2-Part (any), Piano

Come, Join in Cana's Feast – M..... John
Sally Ann Morris
© 1998, GIA Publications, G-4608
SATB, Keyboard

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – E John
BEACH SPRING/Victor C. Johnson, arr.
© 2012, Choristers Guild, CGA 1279
SATB, Piano

Every Time I Feel the Spirit – E 1 Corinthians, MLK
African-American Spiritual/William L. Dawson, arr.
© 1973, Kjos Music, T 117
SATB, Baritone Solo, a cappella

Lord, You Call Us – ME Isaiah, 1 Corinthians
Marty Haugen/Michael Burkhardt, arr.
© 2012, MorningStar Music, 50-7800
SATB, Organ, opt. Handbells

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go – E..... Isaiah
ST. MARGARET/Susan Borwick, arr.
© 2009, MorningStar Music, 50-7309
2-Part Mixed, Piano

O Love, How Deep – E 1 Corinthians
Jane L. Lindner
© 2004, GIA Publications, G-6253
Unison, Keyboard, C-Instrument

Set Me as a Seal – M Isaiah, 1 Corinthians
Richard Nance
© 2000, Walton Music, WJMS1020
SATB, Piano, Horn

Take My Life and Let it Be (Toma, oh Dios) – ME
..... Isaiah, 1 Corinthians
William Dexheimer-Pharris/Mark Sedio, arr.
© 1999, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-5829-8
SATB, Piano, opt. Flute, Percussion

-- Children and Youth --

Use Your Gifts – E..... 1 Corinthians, John
Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo
© 2009, Choristers Guild, CGA 1184
Unison/2-Part, Piano

Many Gifts, One Spirit – ME 1 Corinthians
Allen Pote
© 1993, Coronet Press, 392-41388
SATB, Piano

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Make what I love
a mirror of you.
Make what I make
a song of praise.
Make what I am
a gift for others
who walk your path.*

— RICHARD BEALE, from *SILENCE AND THE GIFT:
Prayers & Drawings* (St. Andrews Press, 1994)

MEDITATION STATEMENT

(Based upon 1 Corinthians 12)

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.

It doesn't matter your age, race, gender, or perspective; it doesn't matter whether you've been in church 90 years or whether you professed your faith last week. The truth is, God has gifted each one of us for ministry—even you.

— DANIEL E. GLAZE*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based upon Psalm 36)

Your steadfast love and your faithfulness, O Lord, extend from earth to the heavens.

Your righteousness is stronger than the mighty mountains, your judgments deeper than the sea. You desire to save all of creation—including us, your children.

Your steadfast love is precious, O God, and we find safety and salvation in the shadow of your wings.

In you, we find the fountain of life. In you, we find grace. In you, we find rest.

We come to worship you, O Lord.

Receive our hearts, O God, for in you we find hope and truth and light. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

(Based upon 1 Corinthians)

Holy and everlasting God, we give thanks that you have called us together as your children. In worship, you have called us together to give you the best gift we have to offer—the gift of ourselves. Receive the offering of our hearts and the meditations of our minds as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Loving Lord, you have given to us a variety of gifts—talents to be used in service to you, to this church, and to our world. Far too often, we have used these gifts for selfish purposes—to impress, to get ahead. Other times, we have neglected these gifts altogether. Forgive us, restore us, and remind us that the same Spirit that placed these gifts within us calls us to offer our giftedness freely for the good of all. As we do so, may we be the people you need us to be in this world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have confessed our sins before God and our neighbors. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we are forgiven, we are healed, we are restored.

Thanks be to God!

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OFFERTORY SENTENCES

(Based upon John 2)

God, at the wedding in Cana, Jesus performed his first miracle—turning ordinary water into fine wine. In doing so, Christ gave to us an incredible example that generosity is a joint effort. That is, the God who calls us to offer our best and most generous gifts will take them, bless them, and multiply them for the sake of God’s work in our world. Amen.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control! Amen.

— CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE, from her hymn *"In Cana at a Wedding Feast,"*
found in *GIFTS OF LOVE: NEW HYMNS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP* (Geneva Press, 2000).
Carolyn suggests the hymn be sung to *ELLACOMBE* 8.6.8.6 D, *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God."*

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BENEDICTION

And now, let us depart in the name of the One who gives gifts
graciously and freely.

Let us go in peace to share what God has generously given us.

Let us depart in hope, trusting that the one who has created us
and redeemed us will never forsake or forget us.

And let us go in love to proclaim the love that God has so lavished
upon us. Amen.

* Thanks to Dr. Daniel E. Glaze for contributing this week’s prayers and liturgies.