

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Paeludium in C, BuxWV137—D. Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

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God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On His throne
Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

Confession of Sins

please stand

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

- C (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

C (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and He said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not

know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing

G Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Apostles' Creed

**G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

518 stanzas 1, 23, 3

Bartholomew and Nathanael refer to the same person

By all Your saints in warfare, For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.

(St. Bartholomew, Apostle)

All praise for him whose candor Through all his doubt You saw
When Philip at the fig tree Disclosed You in the law.
Discern, beneath our surface, O Lord, what we can be,
That by Your truth made guileless, Your glory we may see.

Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.

Sermon

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You—Philip and Nathanael

John 1:43-51

Hymn of Response

334 stanza 4

Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling, That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Service of the Sacrament

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P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

G(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

G Our Father, who art in heaven...

P Our Lord Jesus Christ...

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

G(sung) O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution of the Sacrament

533 stanzas 1-3

Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer. See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress, Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master! Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

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Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.

Your light is drawing near.

Above, the day is beaming, In matchless beauty gleaming;

The glory of the Lord is here.

See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying

In hopeless gloom and night.

To you the Lord of heaven—Your life, your hope—has given

Great glory, honor, and delight.

The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces

The sun looks from the sky,

Shall run with zeal untiring, With joy Your light desiring

That breaks upon them from on high.

Lift up your eyes in wonder—See, nations gather yonder

From sin to be set free.

The world has heard Your story; Her sons come to Your glory;

Her daughters haste Your light to see.

Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness

They come from near and far.

Your eyes will wake from slumber As people without number

Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;

By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.

Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;

Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.

Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing;

To ev'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.

Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away;

Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.

Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

Communion Blessing

please stand

Nunc Dimittis

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G (sung) O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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P Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless...give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn

533 stanza 4

Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story; Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

Postlude

Rigaudon—G. Böhm

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?—Philip and Nathanael John 1:43-51

Come and f_____ M_____.

How was Philip brought to faith in Jesus?

How are you like Philip?

How does Philip's conversation reveal that faith is a gift of God worked by the Holy Spirit?

Come and s_____ J_____.

How does Nathanael respond to Philip's invitation?

“Our job to save souls.” Why is this statement not true?

What is our calling as witnesses?

Come and s_____ greater t_____.

What impressive events would Nathanael and the other disciples witness?

What great events have you witnessed and will you witness because you belong to Christ?

Next Week’s Readings

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?—James and John

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

LIVING THE SERMON...Philip offers the invitation to Nathanael, “Come and see Jesus.” Consider those you know who need to receive this invitation. Pray for God’s help and strength and then like Philip introduce others to Jesus, inviting them to come and see.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...Give thanks to God for the gift of faith and for the privilege of serving as witnesses to invite others to come and see Jesus. Pray that as people receive that Gospel invitation, they would not resist or reject that invitation, but by the Spirit’s power be brought to faith in Christ.

Our Weekly Schedule

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services at 8 and 10:45 AM

Wednesday Worship Service at 4:45 PM COVID-sensitive

Online Service posted by Thursday mornings at stpaulcolumbus.org

Radio worship service Sundays at 9:30 AM on WYGS 91.1 FM

Lutheran Hour at 7 PM on WYGS 91.1 FM

Holy Communion Offered

All Sunday and Wednesday Services

2 PM Sunday Communion Offering

By appointment at church or your house by contacting one of the pastors

Christian Education

Children’s Sunday School and Adult Bible Study* Sundays at 9:30 AM

Bible Study Wednesdays at 9 AM and 6 PM

*Adult Bible Study is live-streamed on the St. Paul YouTube Channel each Sunday at 9:30 AM

