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## EPIPHANY 2

January 14, 2018 — 5:00 pm

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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#### THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
  
- P** Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- P** Gracious God,
- C** **in Jesus Christ you come to us like a light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. We confess the sin which divides us and too often rules our lives. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth that Christ is Lord. Amen.**

### “Follow Me”

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.

Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.

**P** People of God, I bring you good news of great joy: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

**G Amen.**

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**G And also with you.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

### THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

### THE GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”*

### THE BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**G Amen.**

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** On this day, O God,

**G You gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

### THE BENEDICTION

**P** 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. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

**P** The living Christ has set you free!

**G Free indeed! Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.      **C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.      **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:  
**C** **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.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and His Real Presence in the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We will gladly commune anyone in their seat if they are unable to come forward for communion. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray. Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.      **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Pastor Josh Johnson*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
    **creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**  
    **On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
    **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
    **and he will come 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.**