

Morning Prayer

January 16, 2022

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Epiphany 2C

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Sentence

The Presider says

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

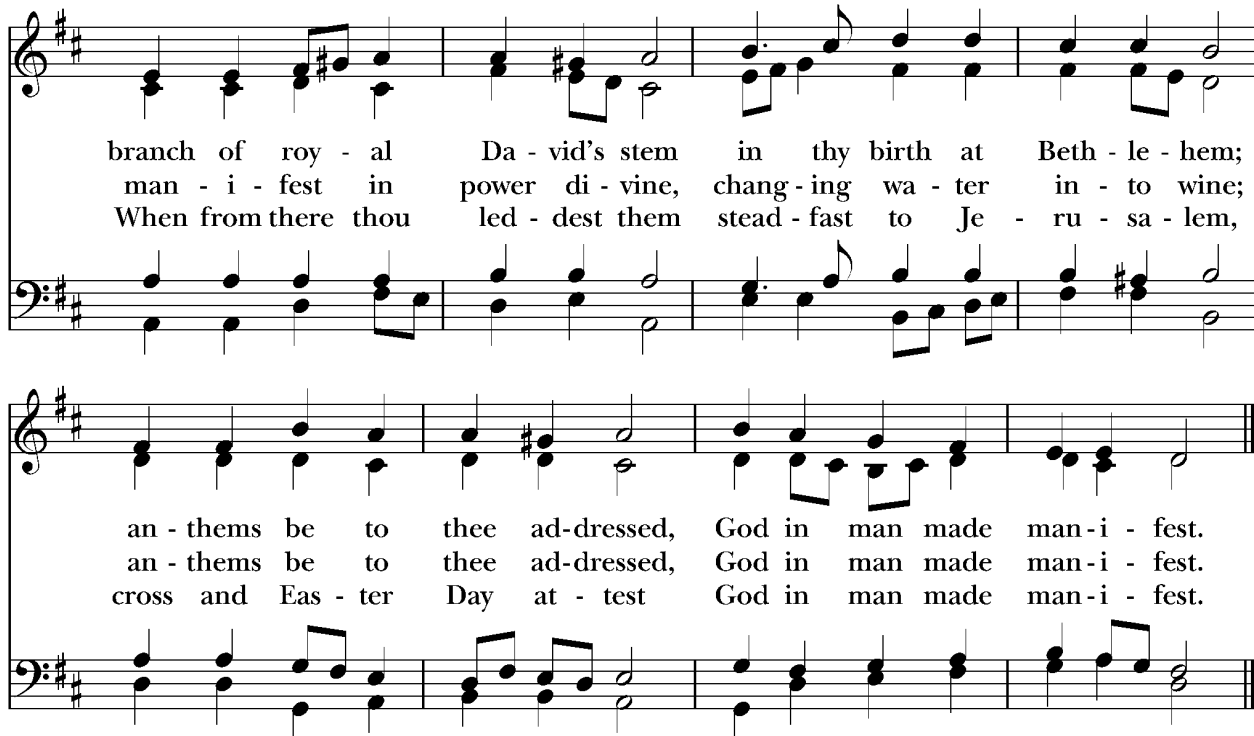
Opening Hymn

Hymnal 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of the Holy One, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the 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.**

The Presider says

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

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

Presider 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

Invitatory: Venite Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God, *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your 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.**
⁷How 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.**
⁹For 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 People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹For 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.
²The 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.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴You 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.
⁵For 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed
Magna et mirabilia

Revelation 15:3-4

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could
not speak. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of
services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God
who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for

the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Hymnal 138

All praise to you, O Lord

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might-y power did
 2 You speak, and it is done; o-be-dient to your word, the
 4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the
 man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.
 wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
 mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

Third Reading

John 2:1-11

A Reading from John.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them,

“Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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.**

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the 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 forever. Amen.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Presider The glory of God has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in our Redeemer, let us pray, "Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we see light."

Intercessor Blessed Triune One, through the Spirit, you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St John's, Royal Oak, and St Thomas, Gautier, and St Timothy, Nizao, in the Dominican Republic; those in the Church of England, and for all the members of Christ's body. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

Silence is kept.

Blessed Triune One, your righteousness is like the strong mountains, and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation. May they live in peace together, free from oppression, degradation, and fear. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

Silence is kept.

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Triune One, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family, and we bless you for the hope of unity. We give you praise and thanks for all that you have given us [especially _____].

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, O God. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit. Give hope to the oppressed, the lonely, and the rejected. We pray especially for _____.

Blessed Triune One, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. Lead us through the valley of the shadow. By the springs of your living water, preserve us for life eternal, and those for whom we pray [_____]. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

Presider In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. **Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

The Presider then says

My sisters and brothers, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. **Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

**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.

Concluding Hymn

LEVAS 126

Here I am; send me

1. Hark! The voice of Je - sus call - ing, Who will
 2. Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, There is
 3. Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His

1. go and work to - day? Fields are ripe the har - vest
 2. noth - ing I can do; While the souls of some are
 3. work your pleas - ure be; An - swer quick - ly when He

1. wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?
 2. dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.
 3. call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me."

Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth, Rich re - ward He of - fers free;

Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me."

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Postlude

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Due to the abundance and rapid spread of COVID Omicron virus in our county, we will be worshipping **only on Zoom through February 6, 2022**. After that day, the Ministry Support Team will evaluate the situation to make decisions about the days to follow. According to the most recent directive from the Bishops of the state of Michigan (Jan.10, 2022), "masks are required to be worn (covering mouth and nose) for all indoor gatherings."

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place following worship on **January 23, 2022** using the Sunday Zoom link. Everyone is encouraged to gather their lunch and regroup on Zoom for the meeting. The start time for the meeting will be announced at the conclusion of the worship service.

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring

your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive is TODAY, January 16**. The building will be open for you to leave your contributions. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- January 16 Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915, and Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932
- 17 Antony of Egypt, Monastic, 356
- 18 The Confession of Peter the Apostle
- 19 Wulfstan of Worcester, Bishop, 1095; Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c. 1440
- 20 Fabian, Bishop and Martyr, 250
- 21 Agnes [and Cecilia] of Rome, Martyrs, 304 and [c.230]
- 22 Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304



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Isaiah 62:1-5

Weddings are times of great celebration for a family, a community, and especially for a couple who are beginning a new life together. The prophet uses this image of bridegroom and bride as an example of how God sees God’s people. At a wedding, the sense of love is tangible as the couple looks at each other with delight.

The name of God’s people is changed from “Forsaken” to “My Delight is in Her” and this name change is initiated by the Lord. A change in name indicates a change in identity, and when I got married, the many places where I needed to register my new name was extensive, so it felt like I was letting the nations know. There was nothing I did to earn the love of my spouse, and I did not have to perform in order to deserve it. Perhaps that is why we see so many references to marriage in the Bible—because it is the most intimate relationship people can have, and it is love that is without conditions and never earned. There is nothing I can do that will cause me to gain more of God’s love than exists at this moment. Similarly, there is nothing I can ever do that will cause God to love me any less than God does right now. God loves us because it is God’s nature to love.

- What is God’s name for you?
- Do you have a sense of God delighting in you and rejoicing over you?

Psalm 36:5-10

God’s love is vast and incomprehensible and unending. Standing at the south rim of the Grand Canyon, the vista is magnificent. That is the image that comes to mind when considering

God's love reaching to the heavens, and how tiny I felt in relation to my surroundings. Even with the immeasurable grandeur of God's love, the people of God can cluster like baby chicks under the shadow of God's wing for protection. This is the both/and aspect of God: incomprehensibly great *and* profoundly intimate at the same time.

Loving-kindness is the translation of *chesed*, a Hebrew word that has implications of loyalty and commitment that goes far beyond what would be expected by the law or duty. This love is beyond imagination, and as overwhelming as staring across the Grand Canyon. God's love provides all we need for life: nourishment, light, and protection.

- What does it mean to be "true of heart?"
- Is there any aspect of your heart that seems false and you might choose to relinquish?
- Where are you invited to consider showing loving-kindness (care beyond duty or law) to those you encounter this week?

I Corinthians 12:1-11

In a society that is based on transactions, gifts muck up the works. The adage, "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," encapsulates many of our interactions from day to day. I pay for coffee for my friend this week, and next week, she picks up the tab. I have noticed that if I am always expected to pay, I start to feel resentful and ungenerous. When I receive a gift from a friend that seems "over-generous" I feel uncomfortable. I desire balance in relationships: an equal give and take, so I feel neither obliged nor taken advantage of. Contrast this to the love of God who gives gifts to us again and again and again, and we never pick up the tab.

Paul is writing to the church in Corinth where one-upmanship is apparently a problem. Humans love a pecking order and knowing who is the most important in the room. Paul says that spiritual gifts are given for the common good, and the Spirit chooses who receives which gift. Gifts are not earned or deserved, they are simply received. In human terms, we are often more impressed with one gift than another. I am usually most impressed by those who have gifts that I am lacking. Paul levels the playing field by saying that it is one Spirit, one God, and all gifts are for the common good (not to create a hierarchy). The manner in which I order gifts is disorder in God's eyes.

- What is one of your gifts that you use for the common good?
- How have you viewed gifts as transactions?

John 2:1-11

Jesus' first miracle in this gospel is the transformation of water to wine. The evangelist writes that there are seven signs (or miracles) that include healings, feeding, raising Lazarus from the dead and walking on water. This first sign takes place at a wedding, and Jesus' mother comes to him because they have run out of wine. In the time of Christ, weddings lasted a week, and running out of wine would be a humiliation for the families. Was Mary related to those getting married, or was she simply attuned to their distress and convinced that her son could help? Jesus takes the ordinary water and transforms it into "good wine," made for celebration.

Healing and feeding are arguably necessary for life, and yet in the first miracle recorded, it is the transformation of something very ordinary: water into wine for celebration. This miracle also had limited exposure, because the servants knew where the wine was from, but when it was all consumed, there would be no remaining evidence of the miracle. Contrast this miracle to the raising of Lazarus; this miracle might appear somewhat frivolous and common, with limited impact on the community, but as a sign, it tells us about Jesus. This fine wine (120 to 180 gallons

of it) reflects the abundance of God found in the psalm. Weddings are common experiences, and Jesus showed up there.

- Where have you noticed signs of Jesus in the common?
- What is ordinary in your life that might be transformed into a cause for celebration by Jesus?

This study was written by Dr. Michelle Dayton.

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Intercessions and Thanksgivings from *Planning for rites and rituals: a resource for Episcopal worship, Year C*. New York: Church Publishing, 2018, p.71-72.

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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