

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 16, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



PRELUDE Variations sur MADRID

M. Corl

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ORGAN INTROIT

Aria

J. S. Dixon

MADRID

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#87 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our God, save us! We're in over our heads. Quicksand under us, swamp water over us, we're hoarse from calling for help. God, you know every sin we've committed, our lives are wide open books before you. Don't let those who look to you in hope, be discouraged by what happens to us. Don't let those looking for you, come to a dead end by following us. And as for us? We pray. Don't let us go under for good. God, answer in love! Answer with your sure salvation. Now answer us God, because you love us, and let us see your mercy full-face. (Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI R. Goodson Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 69:5-13 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: Lord, you long to fill our lives with your perfect and eternal presence. You know us intimately and work to lead us to our true potential.

Many: We worship and love you! One: For you created our inmost beings; you knit us together in our mother's womb. Many: We worship and love you! One: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Many: We worship and love you! One: You made us rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under our feet. Many: We worship and love you! One: For you, O Lord, have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling, that we may walk with the Lord in the land of the living. Many: We worship and love you! All: Speak Lord. We wait for the sound of your voice. We wait with open hearts and open minds. Fill our lives with your forgiveness, hope, peace and love. *HYMN OF PRAISE #248 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#101 Name of All Majesty MAJESTAS

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 2:13-25 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Dr. Anne Bellamy

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Hymn Setting on NETTLETON

T. Shaw

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *Prayer of Gratitude

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY** #93 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness NETTLETON

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. People: And also with you. *Organ Benediction Hear Us Now, Our God and Father (HYFRYDOL) M. Sedio *The Sending of the Community *Congregational Amen The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Major

T. Pavlechko

*Please stand, as you are able We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing - Debbie Benson; Prayers of the People - Rose Merke Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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