

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 19, 2025 11:00 a.m.



Second
Sunday after
the Epiphany

PRELUDE

Festive Scherzo M. Archer We Have Come to Join in Worship C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ORGAN INTROIT

Jesus, Come, for We Invite You

T. Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#243 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

*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

The needs of our world are so great, it's easy to get overwhelmed.

We look away, we cross the street, we keep on going.

We find distractions at our fingertips – sometimes our mental health depends on this.

Lord, have mercy on this world you made, and on us. Forgive us for thinking our prayers hit a ceiling and can't reach you.
Help us to ask, seek and knock, and when we don't hear an answer, to wait.

Help us do every good thing we can, to remember the joy of our salvation, and see joys big and small, all around us. Amen.

(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 READING

Isaiah 62:1-5 Page 768 to 769, 1st half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: What concern is this to me? **Many: Trouble is never-ending.** One: What concern is this to me?

Many: All around us, there is suffering.

One: What concern is this to me?

Many: How can we tell you're listening?
One: I have made you and I love you.
Many: Lord, help us to believe.
One: I will bind up every heart.
Many: Lord, help us to believe.

Many: Lord, help us to believe. One: I see the sparrow when it falls. Many: Lord, help us to believe.

All: Encourage our hearts and strengthen us

in every good word and deed.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#657 He Has Made Me Glad (sing 2x) L. Von Brethorst

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#669 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You SICILIAN MARINERS

SECOND READING

John 2:1-11 Read from "The Message" Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Rev. Dr. Allan Effa

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Cantabile P. Fey

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!
Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#179 Joy To The World

ANTIOCH

Marco Adria

*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

Aria in C Major P. Lehenbauer

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata on ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

S. Tucker

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing Prayers of the People & Leading Worship - Becky Bonham;
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