



# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

### The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1040

*Commentary: In Paul's day, Corinth was a commercial hub, a crossroads for merchandise moving by land and sea. Corinth was a wealthy city, known for indulgence, vice, and immorality, as well as for various religious beliefs and practices. Romans, Greeks, Jews and other people of various nationalities lived there. Paul wrote this letter to address questions and controversies that had arisen within the Corinthian church. As was his custom, Paul began the letter by greeting his readers and expressing gratitude to God for them. The Corinthians had been blessed with many spiritual gifts. Paul commended them for their gifts, not their behavior, yet Paul was confident that the Corinthian Christians would one day stand without guilt before the Lord. Paul's confidence did not rest on the Corinthians' ability to persevere faithfully to the end, but on God's ability and promise to keep them safe forever.*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
 The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Georgia Cobb Joyner and William Henry Joyner*

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