

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### Anthem of the Chancel

*Great is our Lord, and greatly to be praised.*

The Apostle cried out to us, Great is the Mystery which appeared from on high, for the Mystery is the Divine One, who chose our body and dwelt in it, making it to be one with himself in the sharing of his honor, that he might make us worthy of eternal life.

*Great and fearful above all round about him.*

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.*

O Christ, who reconciled through your own blood the height with the depth, reconcile, O my Lord, priests and kings, and in your compassion raise up your Church. Make one standard of faith to reign in all the inhabited world through your grace, O merciful Lord.

### The Lections

Numbers 10:29-11:10

And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us, and we will do you good; for the LORD has promised good to Israel." But he said to him, "I will not go; I will depart to my own land and to my kindred." And he said, "Do not leave us, I pray you, for you know how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us. And if you go with us, whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same will we do to you."

So they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, whenever they set out from the camp. And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, "Arise, O LORD, and let thy enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee." And when it rested, he said, "Return, O LORD, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel."

And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes; and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned

among them, and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. Then the people cried to Moses; and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire abated. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving; and the people of Israel also wept again, and said, "O that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. The people went about and gathered it, and ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased.

#### Isaiah 45:11-17

Thus says the LORD,

the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:

"Will you question me about my children,

or command me concerning the work of my hands?

I made the earth,

and created man upon it;

it was my hands that stretched out the heavens,

and I commanded all their host.

I have aroused him in righteousness,

and I will make straight all his ways;

he shall build my city

and set my exiles free,

not for price or reward,"

says the LORD of hosts.

Thus says the LORD:

"The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia,

and the Sabeans, men of stature,

shall come over to you and be yours,

they shall follow you;

they shall come over in chains and bow down to you.

They will make supplication to you, saying:

'God is with you only, and there is no other,  
no god besides him.'  
Truly, thou art a God who hidest thyself,  
O God of Israel, the Savior.  
All of them are put to shame and confounded,  
the makers of idols go in confusion together.  
But Israel is saved by the LORD  
with everlasting salvation;  
you shall not be put to shame or confounded  
to all eternity.

### **The Shuraya**

To you, O LORD, I have lifted up my soul.  
O my God, in you I have trusted, let me not be put to shame;  
Let not my enemies boast over me.  
Yea, let none that wait for you be put to shame.

### **The Apostle**

Hebrews 3:1-13

. . . . . [O] holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. He was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honor than the house. (For every house is built by some one, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ was faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if we hold fast our confidence and pride in our hope.

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
"Today, when you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
on the day of testing in the wilderness,  
where your fathers put me to the test  
and saw my works for forty years.  
Therefore I was provoked with that generation,  
and said, 'They always go astray in their hearts;  
they have not known my ways.'  
As I swore in my wrath,

"They shall never enter my rest."

Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

### **The Zumara**

Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of men, ascribe to the LORD glory and honor. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; worship the LORD in the court of his Sanctuary. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the glorious God thunders. The LORD is upon many waters, the voice of the LORD in strength, the voice of the LORD in glory.

### **The Gospel**

John 1:1-28

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No." They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### **Anthem of the Mysteries**

**Text:** *That it may be in him a spring of water which wells up unto eternal life.*

*For the fountain of life is with you.*

A fount of good things and a peaceful haven you prepared for us in your Baptism, O Christ, and you turned us from the vain wandering of the error of graven idols to yourself. You delivered to us the complete understanding of the glorious qnome of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the divine nature, and therefore we will all glorify you, who alone are good, with psalms and songs.

*From your sweet stream you shall give them to drink.*

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### **Anthem of the Bema**

With the cherubim and seraphim we lift up continual praise to your honor, O my Lord, saying, You are holy, you are holy, you are holy, Lord God. Let us all receive the Body of Christ and his precious Blood for the pardon of debts, And let us lift up praise and say, Hallelujah!

**Verses:**

John, who ministered in the outer Sanctuary, was deemed worthy to enter the Holy of Holies, which was not permitted,  
And to lift up praise and say, Hallelujah!