

Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1–5 (Zion’s new name; “You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord’s hand”... delight in marriage as metaphor for God’s delight in Zion/Jerusalem)

Ps 36:5–10 (“How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings”...”in your light we see light”)

1 Cor 12:1–11 (Spiritual gifts – “different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit; different kinds of service, but the same Lord; different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in men” wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues)

John 2:1–11 (Jesus changes water to wine; “the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him”)

Let us pray together as we are physically separated, remembering the church, the world, and all those in need. We respond to each petition ending in “God of miracles” with “hear our prayer,”

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal yourself to us in your creation. Help us to look with wonder at what you have made, including our fellow humans, and to protect the natural world. Forgive us for being poor stewards of your creation and bring us to stop and reverse damage being done to our Earth and its climate..... God of miracles,

Hear our prayer

Jesus our Christ, we pray for all nations that you came to save from sin and death. Grant peace, hope, and justice for all those around the world who are suffering poverty, violence, and oppression. Protect those who flee their homes in desperation. May we who enjoy stability and prosperity be willing to welcome the stranger and to serve the poor God of miracles,

Hear our prayer

God our father, you grant gifts of wisdom and faith through the Spirit. We pray for the Church around the world, that it may worship the one and same God who grants different spiritual gifts to different people. Bless our congregation gathering virtually. We pray for Church leaders, Bishop Andrew, Bishop Kevin, Reverend Jeanette, Father David, Deacon Grace,

Reverend Anita and Pastor Ivars. May they be guided by the Spirit to nurture the gifts they have been given, so that they may glorify God.....

God of miracles,
Hear our prayer

Jesus, our healer, we pray for those whose bodies, minds, and spirits are enduring illness and pain. We ask for your healing and blessings on

[names]

and those we now name in our hearts or aloud.....

Help those suffering to find refuge under the shadow of your wings. May faith in Jesus' miraculous powers, first seen at the wedding in Cana, bring hope to all in despair..... God of miracles,

Hear our prayer

God who delights in each created life, we ask your blessing on those who have died..... We especially pray for the many who have lost lives due to the pandemic and those we name in our hearts.....May those who now see you face to face experience eternal peace and joyGod of miracles,

Hear our prayer

We pray to you, almighty God, trusting that you hear our prayers offered to you through your Son, Jesus Christ, **Amen**