

# Morning Prayer

17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## “In the Gym - Exercising Our Humility Muscle”

### Getting in the Gym

**All -We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God’s holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay.  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I stand.

## **Confession**

By the mercies of God,  
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living  
sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

*Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:*

*Christ, have mercy.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. **Amen.**

**Reading** – Luke 18 (9-17) – Nathan Grusin

## **Talk**

**Prayers** – Ruth Muraszko

## **The Collect for The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of  
your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your 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, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. AMEN.**

LORD, FOR THE YEARS YOUR LOVE HAS KEPT AND  
GUIDED,

Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt You,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

### **The Final Blessing**

**Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, who was wounded for  
our sins,  
that you may bear in your life the love and joy and  
peace  
which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples;  
and the blessing ...**

### **The Grace**

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of  
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all  
evermore. Amen.**