

WORSHIP SERVICE – SUNDAY 16th JANUARY

Second Sunday After Epiphany

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING RESPONSES – Psalm 36

Your love is faithful, LORD,
**and even the clouds in the sky
can depend on you.**

Your decisions are always fair.
**They are firm like mountains,
deep like the sea,
and all people and animals
are under your care.**

Your love is a treasure,
**and everyone finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.**

You give your guests a feast
in your house,
**and you serve a tasty drink
that flows like a river.**

The life-giving fountain
belongs to you,
**and your light gives light
to each of us.**

Our LORD, keep showing love
to everyone who knows you,
**and use your power to save
all whose thoughts please you.**

**Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning is now and will be forevermore. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Although we have died to sin and risen with Jesus, we know that we continue to sin in our lives. Through the promise and assurance given to us in our Baptism, we can now come before God to confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we confess that we don't always live as the new and transformed people you have made us to be. Our thoughts, our words, and our actions don't always reflect the love you show to us. We can be quick to anger, and slow to forgive. We can be guided by our selfishness, instead of a heart of generosity. For Jesus' sake, we ask for your forgiveness. Please renew us and help us to live in you and for you. Amen.

'As surely as we died with Christ, we believe we will also live with him. We know that death no longer has any power over Christ. He died and was raised to life, never again to die. When Christ died, he died for sin once and for all. But now he is alive, and he lives only for God.' (Romans 6:8-10) Know that through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Go now in His forgiveness, to live as those who are dead to sin but alive in Him. Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray that we receive God's gifts with joy.

Generous God, we thank you for all the good gifts you lavishly pour out on us.

Teach us to enjoy what you have given us to the full, and bring us at last to feast with you in eternal joy. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS – use from the separate file sent out or look up yourself:

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

After each reading

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

Or, use the song, 'I Believe' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.***

***And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.***

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

***and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the
dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

ADDRESS – read this week's address, or you can watch it on our
YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDDLuwHCesk>

Or listen to the audio from our website.

<http://www.standrewslutherangoldcoast.com/sermon-audios.html>

Then go through and reflect on or discuss the questions at the end
of the address.

SONG – if you wish to, use one of the songs suggested in the
email/on the website, or find and use your own choices.

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, loving God, for all the good things of life,

***and for your Spirit and his gifts.
Lead us to use the gifts we have in loving service to others,
and for the common good. Amen.***

PRAYERS

You may wish to use the prayers which have been sent out, or to come up with your own.

After each prayer, you may wish to use the response:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

***Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and give us His peace.

Amen.

**The Spirit has given each of us a special way of
serving others.**

1 Corinthians 12:7 CEV