Sunday January 17th, 2021 - Second Sunday after Epiphany Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - CP #354 (verses 1 and 3)

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect Prayer

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

The Homily

Hymn - Just As I Am - CP #615

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Let us open our hearts in truth and confess to God the ways we in which we have failed to live up to our baptismal promises, saying together:

God our Creator, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember the grace of God's reconciling act made manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and receive the forgiveness that is yours and mine. Live into your forgiveness and know the new life that God has placed in your hearts, waiting to be shared with the world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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, now and forever. Amen.

Doxology and Blessing

Glory to God, whose power ,working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn - Lord, You Give the Great Commission - CP #433 (verses 1 and 5)

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the Word." Lest the Church neglect its mission, And the Gospel go unheard, Help us witness to Your purpose With renewed integrity, With the Spirit's gifts empower us For the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as You intend
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Dismissal

Postlude