

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee
you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ
and summoned all humanity to life in him.
Show to your people, your transforming power
and give us a foretaste of the wine you keep for the age to come,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember before God: Frederick Barber, Richard Vines,
Katherine Palliser, Moira Wischer, Phyllis Hope Murphy,
whose anniversaries occur this week.

BIBLE READINGS NEXT SUNDAY 24 January 2016

Third Sunday after Epiphany Yr C.
Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 Ps. 19 1 Cor 12.21-31 Luke 4. 14-21

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE WEEK.

January 21 Agnes (d. in Rome in the early 4th century). Little is known of her life, but it seems that she remained unmarried so that she could devote her life to Christ and was martyred in the Roman persecutions.

January 22 Vincent of Saragossa, Spain (d. 304). Deacon and martyr in the Roman persecutions. Nothing certain is known of his life, except his martyrdom.

January 24 Companions of St. Paul, Timothy, Titus and Silas. Referred to in Paul's Letters and the Acts of the Apostles.

January 25 Conversion of Paul the Apostle. Described in Acts 9.3-10; 22.6-16; 26.12-18.

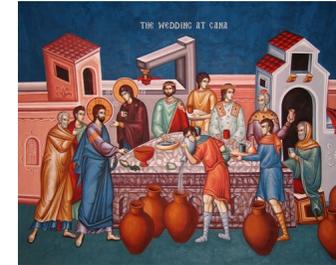
January 26 Australia Day.

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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

17 January 2016



Sentence

Jesus revealed his glory and his disciples believed in him. *Jn 2.11*

Collect of the day.

O God of celebration,
you have kept the good wine until now-
the wine that we have longed for, but never thought to taste.
Take our hearts of stone and flood them with new wine
that we might savour ordinary miracles,
through Jesus Christ, the Winemaker. Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

*To be given a new name in the Hebrew culture is to be given a new status.
Here the prophet reminds the people of their imminent salvation, the
certainty of which is assured by God's fidelity.*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride
so shall your God rejoice over you. *Isaiah 62.1-5*

Reader Hear the word of the Lord
ALL Thanks be to God

Psalm 36.5-10 APBA, page 257

These verses speak of the character of God who is a source of blessing to the righteous and provides them with a refuge in the face of danger.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This passage speaks of the varieties of gifts the Spirit bestows on the Church. The real test of gifts as coming from God is whether they contribute to the common good and edify or build up the Body of Christ, or in reality destroy it!

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. *1 Cor 12.1-11*

Reader May your word live in us
ALL And bear much fruit to your glory

Gospel Acclamation

ALL Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus revealed his glory
and his disciples believed in him.

ALL Alleluia, alleluia
Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you
Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to John

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

This is the first of the seven 'signs' of Jesus in John's gospel which occurs in Cana, nine miles north of Nazareth. To call Mary 'woman' is to address her in a solemn and profoundly respectful way. Jesus is saying to his mother that his self disclosure will be determined by God's timing and not hers. The disciples see God's glory in Jesus for the first time at this wedding feast – the story is multi-layered with symbolism, as is the whole of John's gospel.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. *John 2.1-11*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.