

Proper for January 20, 2019, the Second Sunday after Epiphany  
The Feast of the Lord, the Giver of Life  
Theme: “Walking in Reverence of Life”

Collect of the Day

O God of Beginnings, You are the Creator of all life. As we begin this week, be near us as we unite with our pre-born brothers and sisters who are scheduled for death. May You by Your Holy Spirit and by the voice of Your church, lead Your people to rescue from death these innocent children and bring those who participate in their deaths to true repentance, that they may taste of Your goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*Amen.*

Old Testament Proclamation: Genesis 1: 26 – 28a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 10

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 8: 35-39

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 18: 1-5

Gradual Verse:

Be children of God above reproach, as lights in the world, holding fast the Word of Life.

Prayers of the People:

Deacon: Dearly beloved brethren, this day is holy to our Lord. Let us come before Him on behalf of all life.

Deacon: Almighty and merciful Lord, we bring before You those who are dishonored by many in today’s world. Lift up the unborn, the fetuses in the womb;

*People: For in them is Your life, and all life is sacred.*

Deacon: Lift up those who, because of age, sickness, or mishap, have bodies which no longer perform as they once did;

*People: For in them is Your life, and all life is sacred.*

Deacon: Lift up the captives imprisoned because of injustice or their own error;

*People: For in them is Your life, and all life is sacred.*

Deacon: Lift up the poor, the needy, and the downtrodden, marginalized by society  
but precious in Your sight;  
*People: For in them is Your life, and all life is sacred.*

Deacon: Uphold us in our efforts to promulgate the sanctity of life;  
*People: Answer our Corporate Petition.*

## Corporate Petition

### Concluding Collect

Presider: Bestow Your favor upon all life, O Lord our God, that all Your children  
may be filled with Your joy and dwell in Your strength. We ask this  
through Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

### Proper Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. Because O Lord, You are the Creator and  
the Giver of life, we as Your children eagerly anticipate the revealing of Your crowning  
glory to the entire world. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and  
archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim  
the glory of Your Name:

### Benediction:

Let Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the  
world; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever. *Amen.*