

Service of The Word



The Second Sunday after Epiphany
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Setting One

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit.

In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Holy One, source of our renewal,

C. **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

Greeting

P. Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

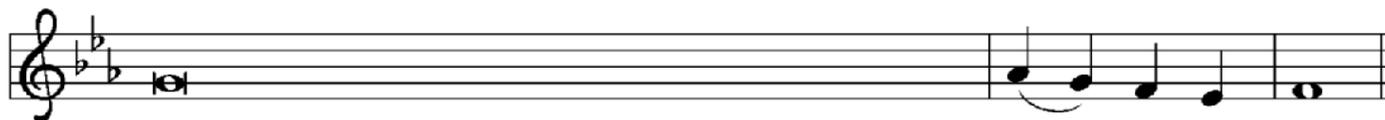
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



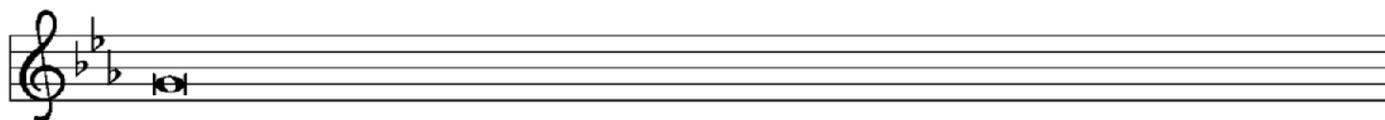
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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



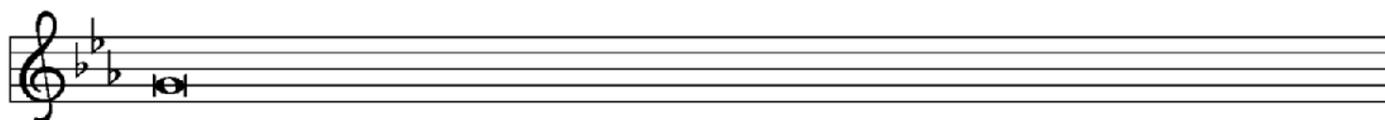
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



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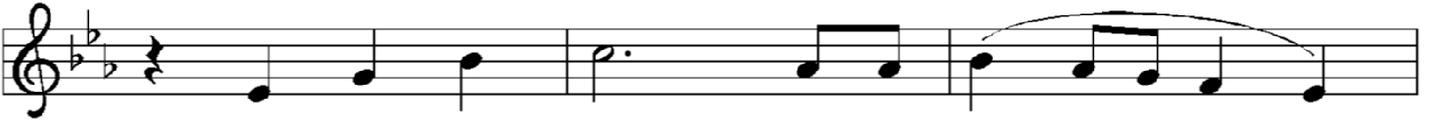


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



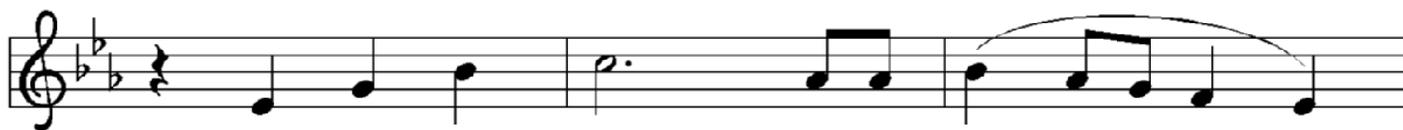
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



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Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

P. Word of God, word of life.

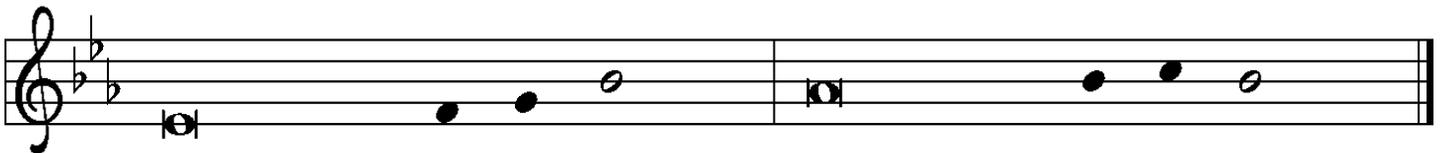
C. Thanks be to God.

Psalmody:

Psalm 40:1-11

Tone 4 ELW)

chanted responsively



I waited patiently up-^l on the LORD,
who stooped to me and^l heard my cry.

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the^l miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my^l footing sure.**

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise^l to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall^l trust the LORD.

**Happy are they who put their trust¹ in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!
In your plans for us, none can be com-¹pared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than¹ I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required.**

And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ten of me:

**'I love to do your will,¹ O my God;
your law is¹ deep within me.'**"

I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and¹ your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the¹ great assembly.**

You are the LORD; do not withhold your com-¹passion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹ keep me safe.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in
Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will
also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter one.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor John Petry

Hymn of the Day

The Only Son from Heaven

ELW309

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen!



Prayers of Intercession

A. Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C. Amen.



The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Offertory

We Will Glorify

Choir

Offertory Prayer

A. Liberating God,

C. you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second has two, the third has one, and the fourth has one. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen!

Invitation to Communion

P. Come and taste the joy of God!

C. Amen

Communion Hymns

<i>He Comes to Us as One Unknown</i>	ELW 737
<i>Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult</i>	ELW 696
<i>Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song</i>	ELW 808

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C. Amen



1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

Post Communion Prayer

A. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C. Amen

Blessing

P. The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, January 15th

Assisting Minister..... Julie Bogle
Reader Mary Cook
Altar Guild Sylvia Lambert
Acolyte Antonio Smith



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

Flowers this week are provided by Connie Fortmeyer in celebration of Rita Clark's Birthday!!

Fellowship Providers – As we begin the New Year, the sign-up sheet for fellowship is wide open! Please consider providing food for fellowship one Sunday in the coming months.

Also in this New Year, make a resolution to volunteer as a worship leader during Sunday morning worship.

January Events

- Jan 18 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Jan 19 6:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting
- Jan 22 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

11:30 am



- Jan 25 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Jan 29 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – 4th Sunday after Epiphany
- Jan 30 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee

Feb 4 10 am – 1 pm

