

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service**  
Feb. 4, 2024

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**Welcome!** The Lord alone “is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth,” (Is. 40:28). He “sits above the circle of the earth” and “stretches out the heavens like a curtain,” (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. “He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength,” (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals “many who were sick with various diseases,” and He casts out “many demons,” (Mark 1:34, 39). His preaching continues through those He sends whom are “entrusted with a stewardship” to “preach the gospel,” (1 Cor. 9:16–17).

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We teach and confess that all receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Those who commune with us make a public confession of the Christian faith as taught by our congregation and church. If you are visiting, please speak with a pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

**+ Order of Worship +**

**Hymn**

“On Eagles’ Wings”

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**Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination.*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**C: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 147:1-11**

*(antiphon, verse 5)*

P: Great is our Lord and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**C: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

P: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

P: He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.

**C: The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**C: He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

P: He gives to the beasts their food and to the young ravens that cry.

**C: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

P: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Great is our Lord and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Song**

“God of Wonders”

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might, he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

**C: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Above All”

### The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark the first chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Song

“Battle Belongs to You”

### Sermon

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: We give thanks to You, dear Father, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh to preach the Gospel and cast out the works of Satan and the corruption of sin, which we could not overcome. By Your Word, rescue us from every evil of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord of the Church, give joy to Your servants on whom You have laid the necessity to preach the Gospel, that many would be saved in every nation and that together we may share in the blessings of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, give to all Christian homes the endurance that comes from Your Holy Spirit, that husbands and wives, parents and children may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, Creator of the world and its foundations, You hold sway over the powers of nature and the rulers of the earth. Graciously preserve our land, its produce and industry, and our leaders together with our people. Do not disregard us for our sins, but renew us, that our lives may be peaceful and our country governed according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, Your Son is the Great Physician of body and soul, at whose hand demon, disease and every ill must turn away. We bring before You those in any need, especially \_\_\_\_\_.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Father, where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. Bring us in faith to Your Holy Sacrament, that the blood of Christ, which atoned for our sins, may make us whole, strengthen us against every spiritual attack of the devil, turn us in love toward our neighbor, and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Offering and Offertory**      “Be Still and Know”

### **Preface to the Lord’s Supper**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

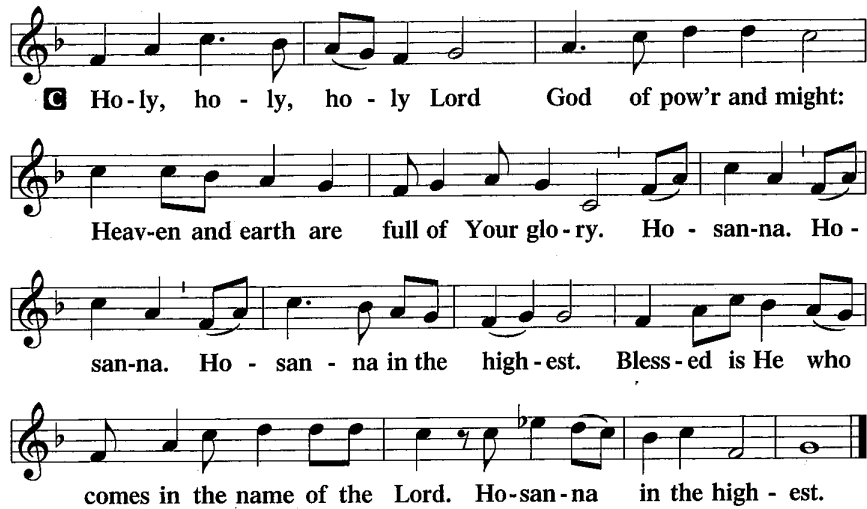
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Proper Preface**

P: It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden before the foundation of the world, You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship; with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

## Words of Institution

*(Spoken by the pastor)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

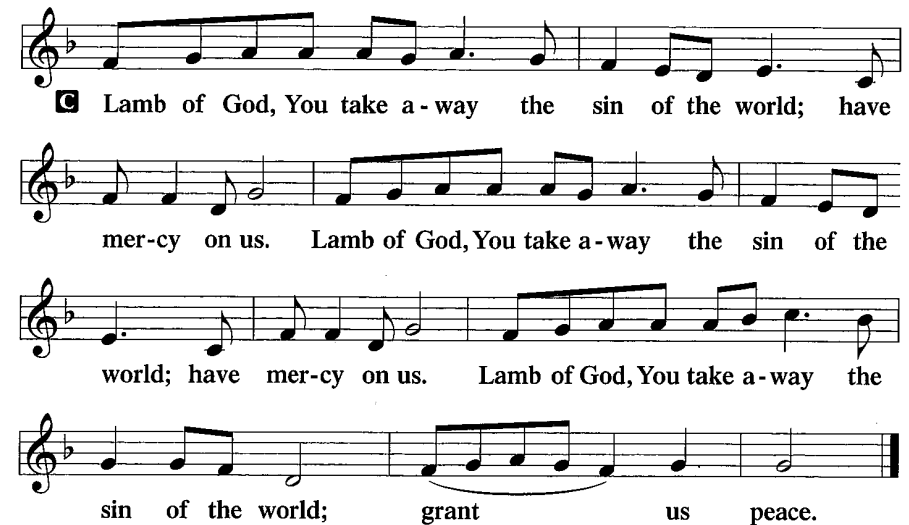


## Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

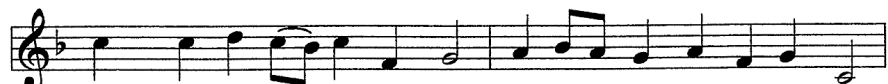
## Distribution Songs

"Goodness of God"

"How Can it Be?"

"How Great is Our God"

## Post Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Let us pray: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**