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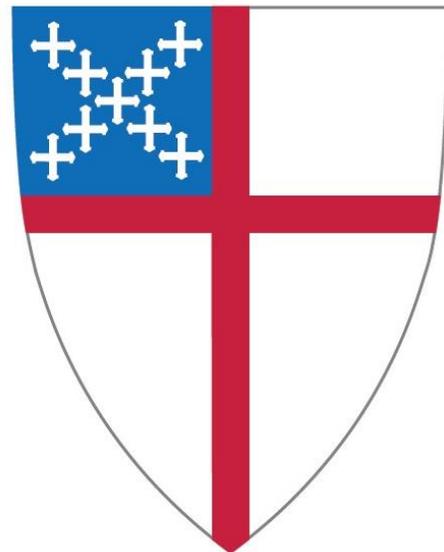
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**The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Called to Common Mission 20th Anniversary**

January 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - Brett Hanley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Fr. Greg Larkin and Vicar Amanda Berg

GREETING

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

P There is one Body and one Spirit;

C There is one hope in God's call to us;

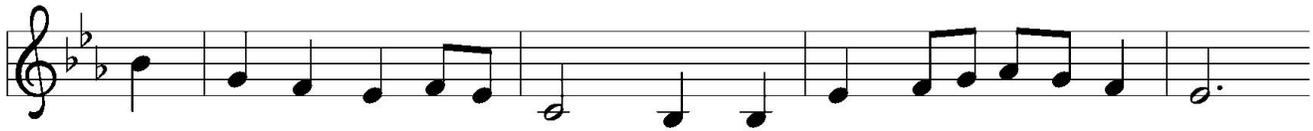
P One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

C One God and Father of all.

GATHERING SONG - "We All Are One in Mission" - ELW 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have been brought to this place to show forth Christ's glory and to answer God's call that all may be one as Christ and the Father are one. We join together in Jesus' name to share in his sacraments, in his ministry, and in his mission, as one Body in the power of one Spirit. By water and the Spirit we have inherited our share in God's kingdom, and to this end we begin by remembering our new life in Christ.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister and congregation give thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

**C Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

P By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



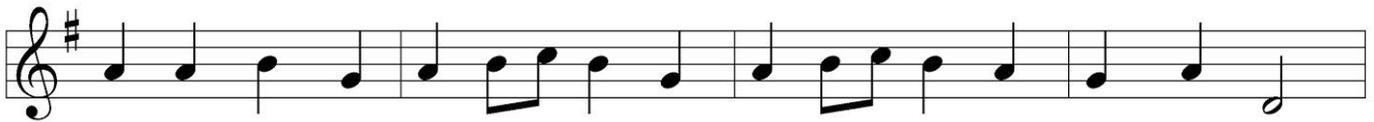
CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "Glory Be to God in Heaven" - ELW Setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly and Fr. Greg Larkin

CHILDREN'S SONG - "He Came Down" - ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE - "O God, You Search Me" (Farrell)



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Celtic Alleluia” - ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.



SERMON - Fr. Greg Larkin and Pastor Julie Morris

As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" - ELW 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

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.



The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Let us pray for the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church, its members and its mission.

Holy God, grateful for twenty years of full communion partnership between the ELCA and the Episcopal Church, we pray for unity among all Christians. You bind the baptized as one people, built upon Christ the sure foundation. Look with mercy upon your Church. Heal the wounds that divide its members. Rid it of all arrogance, inspire its teaching, and strengthen its witness to your suffering love poured out for the world in Christ Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for all who serve the baptized in ministries of oversight, Sacrament, Word, and service.

O God, you provide for your people by raising up faithful servants of your Word and stewards of your mysteries. Grant wisdom and courage to all ministers who care for and nurture your people, especially the presiding bishops of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, and the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, and our local bishops, Murray Finck (ELCA) and John Taylor and Diane Bruce (TEC). Prosper their work and defend them that the world might see and know the riches of your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for this nation.

O God, look with compassion upon this country, rich in power, yet lacking wisdom. Guide us into a peaceful transition of presidential power. Inspire us and all Christians to model nonviolent communication, respect for those who differ from us, and self-sacrifice in service of the common good. Renew us in the disciplines required to sustain an open, free, and just society. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for those who are poor, oppressed, or in any kind of need.

O God, you love all your children. Draw near to those who are cast aside or ignored. Be present with your healing power to all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or despairing. We especially pray for those on our Mount Cross and St. Columba's prayer lists (*Pastor Julie and Fr. Greg read the names from the bulletin lists*).

Bless these and all who have asked for our prayers. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us give thanks for the saints in light, those remembered by many, those dear to a few, and those held only in the memory of your love.

As we remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we pray that your Holy Spirit remind us all that you show no partiality with regards to nationality, race, ethnicity, or gender, and to do so is to go against your great commandment of love toward one another. We pray that the church will not be complicit in injustice by being silent, but that it can rise up with a prophetic voice that speaks truth to power and advances the values of your kingdom.

Thank you, generous God, for lives that reveal the breadth and depth of your justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

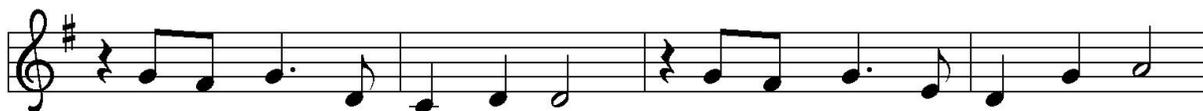
OFFERING SONG - "Here I Am, Lord" - ELW 574



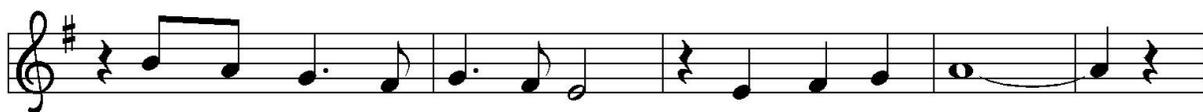
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us

in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C Amen.



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

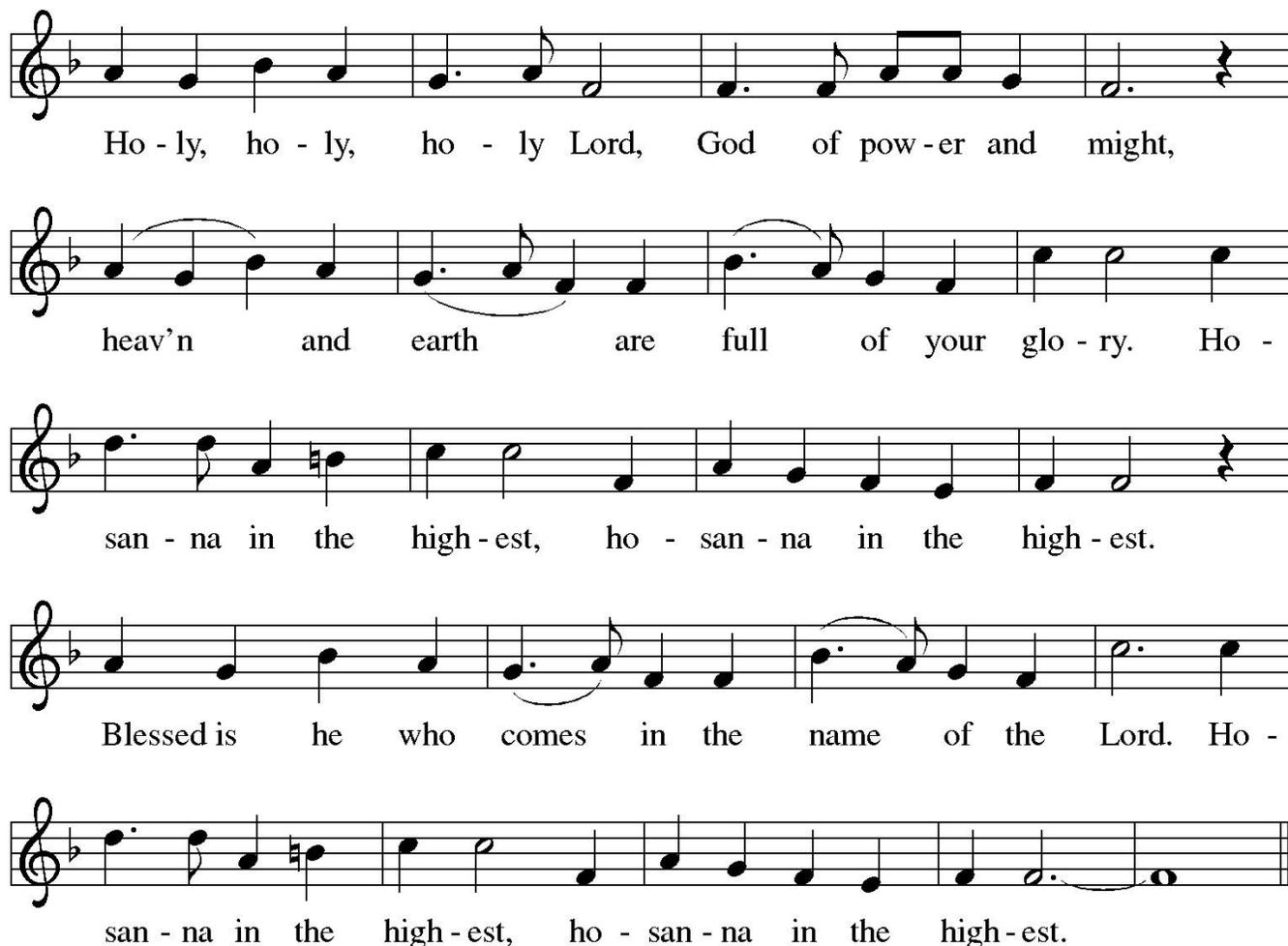
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by

his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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P Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

P But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;

we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

C **Amen!**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven,**

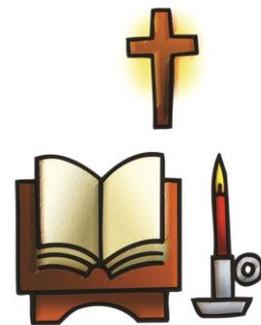
**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The assembly may be seated.

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/8 time, key of B-flat. The lyrics are: "This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be".

whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,".

cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.".

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

The Assisting Minister invites those joining from home to say the following prayer:

Jesus, my savior and friend, thank you for your presence in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and your presence with us here and now. Trusting your words, “This is my body; this is my blood—given for you,” I welcome you into my heart. Let my life witness to your grace and peace. Strengthen all of us with faith, hope and love until we can meet at your table again. Amen.¹



COMMUNION SONG - “Lift Every Voice and Sing” - ELW 841

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from prayers written by Bishop Guy Erwin and St. Alphonsus Liguori.



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.

C **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic – connects us in common prayer and revives us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

P Let us pray together.

C **God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE - Brett Hanley

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
by Becky Riley, in honor of her grandmother Ella.*



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Join Mount Cross for **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us.

Here is the **Zoom link**:

<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the **meeting ID (889 0267 0619)** and **passcode (302996)**.

All are welcome to join the **St. Columba's Digital Zoom Fellowship**, from **10:30-11:00 a.m.**, following our services on Sundays. The **Zoom link is**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81447916393> (Meeting ID: 814 4791 6393),

or join by phone: 1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 814 4791 6393.

Let us know you're watching us online - fill out our Mount Cross connection card:

<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion.

There are two **opportunities to review and discuss the 2021 budget** on Zoom:
TODAY, 1:00 p.m., and **January 24**, 1:00 p.m. The Zoom link is
<http://bit.ly/MC2021BudgetZoom> or call (408) 638-0968.
Meeting ID: 849 4273 7690, Passcode: 843137

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers,
for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and
for the families grieving the loss of each victim.**

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Robert and Robin A (friends of Becky & Ken Riley), **Roger Allmandinger** (brother-in-law of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Cynthia Bishop** (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **Mike Carpenter, Chip** (friend of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **the family of Stephanie Copenhaver** (friend of Kathleen Jones) **Howard Corey, Travis and Jacquanna Davis, Bob Edell, Steve Eng** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Michelle G** (friend of Carina McVeigh's mother), **the family of Earl Girard** (Arlene Proctor's brother-in-law), **Ron Higginbotham, Charles Hilley, Karen Nelson, Angie Patscheck** (sister-in-law of Stan and Valerie Patscheck), **Sara and Dominic Preston** (friends of Carina McVeigh), **Lisa Saner, Christy Schaefer** (Evonne Kuchera's sister-in-law), **the family of Jerry Schumann** (Janet Kessler's daughter-in-law's father), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), the family of **Patrick Tovar** (uncle of Christina Tovar-Hamernik), **Mike Turek** (friend of the Henrys), **Bill Voigt** (father of Heather Edwards)

*Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.
If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please
e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.*

PRAYER CONCERNS from ST. COLUMBA'S

We pray for those with immediate needs:

**Timmy, Sandie, Denise, Lynn, Ron, Therese, Dana, Kerry, Robbie, Wendy,
Carol, Michele, Guy, Robb, Bill, Richard, Donna, Dick, Aimee, Ted, Vicky,
Judy, Ron, Lisa, Mary, Linda, Linda, Savannah, Aracely, Agustin, Loren,
Mona, John, Elise, Steven, Terry, Val, Joyce, Ronald, Clark, Danny,
Richard, Erin, Ken**

and those who need our continuing prayers:

**Arlene, Lori, Kate, Kylie, Joy, Brad, Lisa, Sofia, John, Wanda, Jan, Debbie,
Roni, Pauline, Marty, Alison, Thea, Bob, Eileen, Taka, Thom, the children at**

Good Shepherd Mission in Belize, Ingrid, Kalle, Blair, Jill, Betty, Ron, Danielle, Marlene, Leslie, Susan, Cara, Harold, Ben, Evelyn, Frossula, Sharon, Amory, Karen, Belen, Sally, Rob, Clarice, Rex, Justin, Maria, Pam, Mariana, Luana, Jennie
(Italicized names are parishioners.)

To make changes to the prayer list for St. Columba's, please contact the church office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) or 805-482-8831.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, January 17

2021 Budget Zoom, 1:00 p.m.

<http://bit.ly/MC2021BudgetZoom> or call (408) 638-0968. Meeting ID: 849 4273 7690, Passcode: 843137

Youth Group Zoom, TONIGHT, 6:00 p.m.

High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly, email joe@mountcross.com for Zoom info.

Family Bingo Night on Zoom, TONIGHT 7:00 p.m.

Join us for Family Bingo Night TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. All you will need for this event is a device for Zoom. Make sure to sign up using this link: <https://signup.com/go/zjcMtkb>

Monday, January 18, 2021

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/
Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity begins

The Church Office will be open regular hours.

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and then push pound (#).

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. **via Zoom**. Contact Pastor Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com, or Vicar Amanda, amanda@mountcross.com

for the Zoom information.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join us as often as you'd like.

Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom>

OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. Meeting ID: 847 4745 9576, then push pound (#).

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with the Children, Youth & Family staff from 5:00-6:00 p.m., **via Zoom**. Any questions, contact Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather for Bible Study, currently a session with Vicar Amanda on the Gospel of Mark.

Via Zoom: <http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (669) 900 6833. Meeting ID: 827 1932 0163, Passcode: 615543.

Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet with Joe Zimmerly **via Zoom**. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) if you have any questions.

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7:30-9:00 a.m. via Zoom::

<http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (408) 638 0968 Meeting ID: 891 5038 5706, Passcode: 521872.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon
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OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. You will be asked for a Meeting ID. It is 847 4745 9576, then push pound (#).

**Planning ahead:
Mount Cross Annual
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 31, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

Announcements

Sunday Worship

Because of the surge in COVID cases in our county, the Re-Opening Committee and Council have decided that in-person attendance for our outdoor worship is not permitted until the numbers improve. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Children's Church is back! Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for a fun story and gathering! Please print out your children's bulletins before the meeting. If you need a hard copy, please message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Altar Flowers

We've resumed having altar flowers, when requested, for our outdoor worship. We've added an Altar Flower SignUp Request: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost remains \$35.00 and you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers for a special occasion, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

Learning Committee

The Mount Cross Learning Committee will meet in January for a 2021 planning session to discuss youth and family programming for the upcoming year. This is an opportunity to share your ideas and learn more about this important ministry. There is NO commitment to join the committee; all are welcome to join this session.

When: Sunday, January 24, 12:30-2pm
Where: via Zoom

Please RSVP in the link below by January 22 so we have a headcount for planning purposes and to receive a Google Calendar invite with the Zoom details.
<https://forms.gle/ET7o2vUiWhaxzfyd9>

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for other details or questions.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. See the article in the January newsletter for details. Thank you!

Upcoming Workshops from Holy Spirit Retreat Center

"CALLING ALL PEACEMAKERS: BEING AGENTS OF PEACE IN DIFFICULT TIMES"

Presenters: Amanda Berg, Spiritual Director, HSRC and Sr. Deborah Lorentz, M.Ed.

Saturday, January 30 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." —Matthew 5:9

Mother Teresa reminds us, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Please join us for a morning of engaging conversation and thoughtful learning about being people of peace in our times.

Drawing upon insights and research from peacemaking communities around the world, we will explore tangible ways we can become “peacemakers” in our everyday lives. This retreat is offered online through the Zoom format. Fee: \$30.00 Register online at hsrcenter.com by January 27. A Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

“EMBODYING PEACE: WORKING FOR PEACE PEACEFULLY”

Facilitator: Sr. Chris Machado, SSS

Saturday, January 30 - 2:00-4:30 p.m.

In this afternoon Zoom and on-site retreat/workshop, we will examine how to

promote peace by being people of peace; by EMBODYING PEACE. People sometimes work for peace in ways that do not create it; in fact, their methods can actually be violent! To work for peace, we must BE PEACE. The input will include Thomas Merton’s ideas on non-violence and Cynthia Bourgeault’s teaching on nonduality, which involves uniting the mind with the heart, which is our greatest organ of spiritual perception. Fee: \$25.00.

Please register at hsrcenter.com. For more information, call Sr. Chris at 818-285-3354. A Zoom link will be provided prior to the day.



Introduction to the Gospel of Mark - 3-Week Bible Study Series
Wednesday Evenings on Zoom, 5:00-6:00 p.m. -
<http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights>
Led by Vicar Amanda



Come and join in the learning and conversation as we explore the Gospel of Mark. Thought

to be the oldest of the four gospels, this action-packed and fast-moving narrative provides insights to both the human and divine aspects of Jesus. See how this shortest gospel provides us with deep insights into our understanding of Christ and our call as disciples.

Week Two (January 20): *Jesus and the Journey on the Way* (Chapters 8:22-10)

In week two, we'll look at the middle of the gospel, between the healing of two blind men: the man at Bethsaida and Bartimaeus, to gain insights about Christ's journey toward his passion, death, and resurrection. This "journey on the way" with his disciples turns our attention to why Jesus has come.

Week Three (January 27): *Jesus and His Passion, Death, & Resurrection* (Chapter 11-16)

In week three, we will explore key stories leading up to the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. We will engage with the unfolding of these events and the key people and themes present. Finally, we will discuss the "two endings" of the gospel and how Mark invites us to play a role in this ongoing story.