

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Gathering**

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- ◆ **Breathe**
- ◆ **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ◆ **Be still,** empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

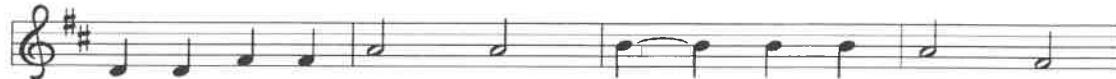
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, You showed mercy and created goodness even when the world questioned your timing.
Make us see that it is always the right time to share your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 92

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
²to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

⁴For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
 at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

⁵How great are your works, O LORD!
 Your thoughts are very deep!

⁶The dullard cannot know,
 the stupid cannot understand this:

⁷though the wicked sprout like grass
 and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever,
⁸but you, O LORD,
 are on high forever.

⁹For your enemies, O LORD, for your enemies shall perish;
 all evildoers shall be scattered.

¹⁰But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
 you have poured over me fresh oil.

¹¹My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
 my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
 and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³They are planted in the house of the LORD;
 they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit;
 they are always green and full of sap,

¹⁵showing that the LORD is upright;
 he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - - jah.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:1-11

A Reading from Luke the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ³Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and

his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

⁶On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

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 forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

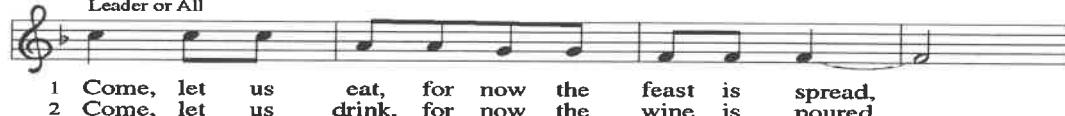
The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.
Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.*

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je-sus' pres-ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a-broad God's might-y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod-y let us take to - geth-er,
Je-sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth-er,
In the pres-ence of our Lord we gath-er,
Je-sus ris-en will bring in the king-dom,

All



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Je-sus ris-en will bring in the king-dom.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

Sending

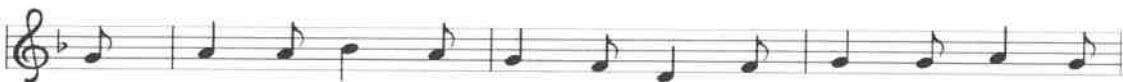
BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
Amen.

Come, We That Love the Lord
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march-ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer List

Strength

The Eckhart Family
Arlene Engle
Jane Newman
Timothy Patwell
Harriet Sandberg
Barbara Stadelberger
Glenn Vegezzi
Vivian Vogel
Sally White
Christa Zago

Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett
Timothy DelUniversita
Carmen Green
Jim Oliveto
Justin Ortega
Jesse Fritz

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