

# Contemporary Service

February 4, 2024

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in mins

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Visual Band Person Vocals

Welcome

Gathering Song

4:00 Song

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Service of the Word

0:00 Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Psalm

0:00 Psalm 103

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger,  
abounding in love.

All: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay  
us according to our  
iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the  
earth, so great is his love  
for those who fear him;

All: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he  
removed our  
transgressions from us..

Leader: As a mother comforts her child, so will I  
comfort you;

All: from everlasting to everlasting, the LORD's love is  
with those who fear

him, and his righteousness with their children's children

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever.

Amen.

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**0:00 Prayer**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, give us a truly generous heart towards those who find themselves in difficulty. Because we live in a world full of distress and trouble, may we always be prepared to help those who are needy for whatever reason; and may we be generous to them in every possible way; for You have been generous to us, Lord Jesus Christ. We give You our thanks and praise;  
People: AMEN

**Worship**

**0:00 Song**

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**Message From God's Word**

**0:00 Romans 6:1-18**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

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People:      Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

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**0:00 Matthew 5:13-22, 27-30**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St.  
Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right

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eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Children's Message**

## **Announcements**

**0:00 Message title. . .**

Between Me and Temptation



Creed

**0:00 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 worshiped  
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

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## **Communion**

### **0:00 Words of Institution**

Pastor: 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. This do 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.”

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

People: Amen

### **0:00 Distribution**

### **4:00 Song**

### **0:00 Post Communion Prayer**

## **Prayers and Petitions**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

### **0:00 Today's Benediction. . .**

Leader: 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.

People: Amen

## **Sending Song**

### **0:00 Song**

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**8:00**

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