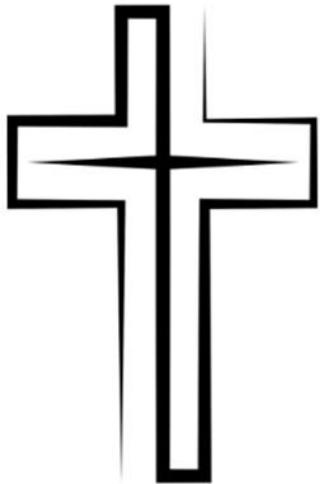


# Church of the Holy Cross



Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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10 a.m.  
Holy Communion

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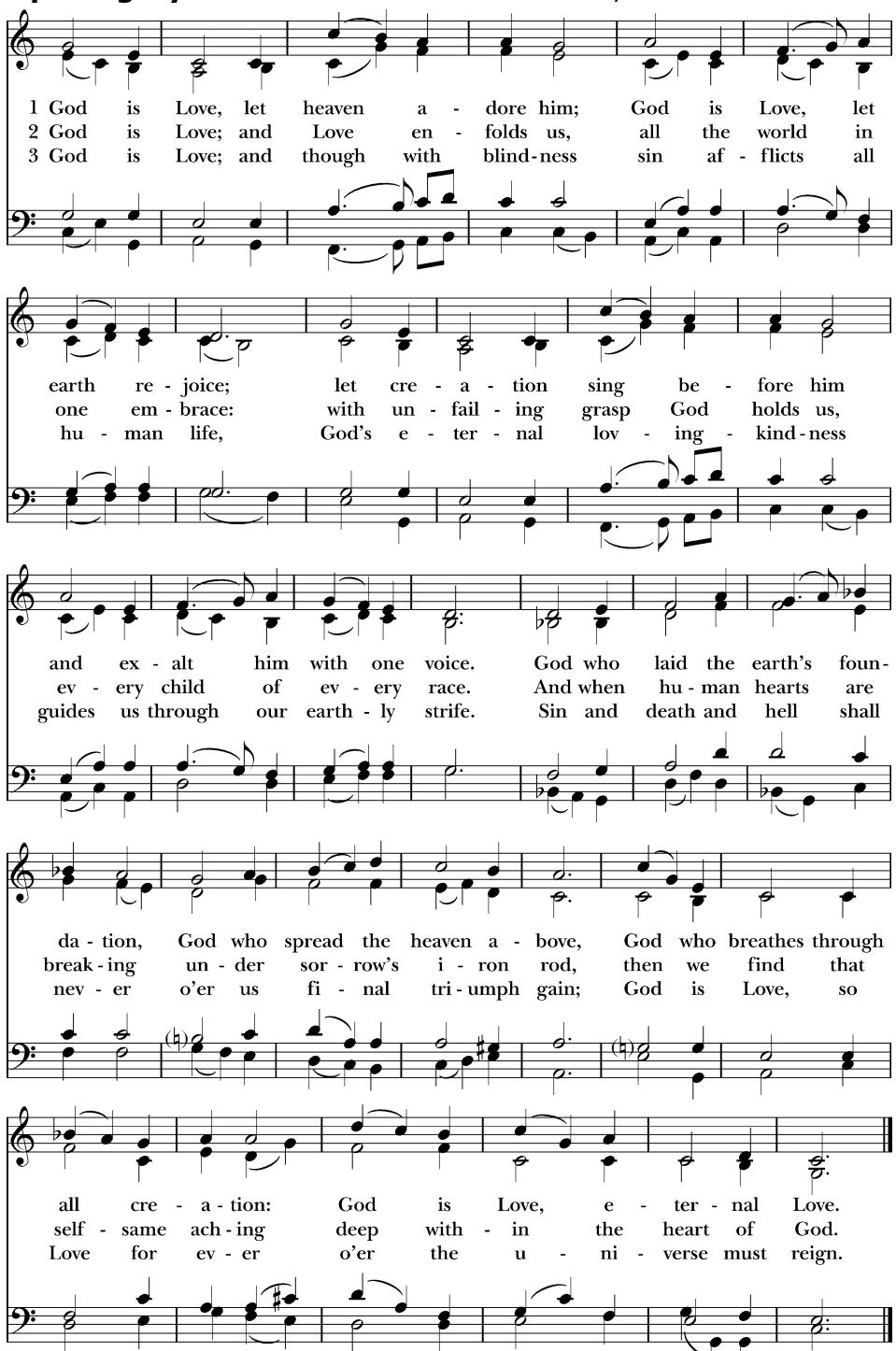
# Gathering of the People

## Welcome

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn H 379

### *God is Love, let Heaven adore him*



### Call to Worship (Words from Sundays and Seasons & WLP 794)

**Celebrant** The Savior of the nations has come,

**People** **To light our way and heal our wounds.**

**Celebrant** Many are the light beams from the one light.

**People** **Our one light is Jesus.**

**Celebrant** Many are the branches of the one tree.

**People** **We are one in Christ.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise** LEVAS 76 (v.1 & 4) *Jesus in the morning*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff is in treble clef, the second in bass clef, and the third in treble clef. The music is in common time (indicated by '4'). The lyrics are as follows:

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing  
2. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing  
3. Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn - ing  
4. Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him, in the morn - ing

1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,  
2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise Him,  
3. Love Him in the noon - time; Love Him,  
4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve Him,

1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!  
2. Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!  
3. Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!  
4. Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

Exodus 24:12-18

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day

he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 2**      *The congregation will read the verses in bold.*

*Reader*      We will read Psalm 2 responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
    Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*  
    against the Lord and against his Anointed?**
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
    "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 **He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
    the Lord has them in derision.**
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
    and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 **"I myself have set my king \*  
    upon my holy hill of Zion."**
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
    he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you."
- 8 **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
    and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
    and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 **And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
    be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
    and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 **Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
- 13 Happy are they all \* who take refuge in him!

**A Reading from the New Testament**

2 Peter 1:16-21

*Reader*      A reading from second letter of Saint Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

**Sequence Hymn VF 98**      *Lord, speak to me that I might speak*

*Sing the v1-2 before the gospel & v3 after.*

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in the;  
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the;  
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the;  
living echoes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so  
wand-ering and the wav-ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that  
let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.  
I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 17:1-9

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev Sally Boelter

**Nicene Creed**

*The people recite this ancient statement of faith together.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Creator, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Creator,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Creator and the Son,**

**who with the Creator and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**and who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People (BCP, Form II)**

*Reader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Bonnie and Sean; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the wellbeing of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

*Reader* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*Please offer your own prayers silently, aloud, or typed into the Zoom chat to be read.*

*The Celebrant concludes:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution (from Sundays and Seasons)

*Deacon* Let us name our faults and failings and come to the Lord seeking grace:  
**All** **Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow faithfully, but so often we get lost or turn away. We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even, by your grace, to love our enemies, but we fail. We take the wrong path and stray from the way of your love. forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you.**  
*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

## Liturgy of the Table

**Offertory Hymn** H 383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*All sing the Offertory while the Deacon sets the table and the offering plate is passed.*

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

## Communion Prayer (BCP Prayer A)

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**    S 130    *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of Bread** – *Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Fraction Anthem S 164***Jesus Lamb of God*

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us.  
Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us.  
Je-sus, re-deem-er, re-deem-er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Celebrant** The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy gifts for Holy people. **Amen.**

**The Communion of the People**

*No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

**Communion Music****H 711***Seek ye first*

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
and its righteousness, seek, and ye shall find,  
and all these things shall be knock, and the door shall be

## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

### Concluding Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

*People* **O God of our ancestors, God of all people, before whose face the human generations pass away: We give thanks that in you we are forever at home, and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son remembered in this holy sacrament of his body and blood. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

#### Sending Hymn H 460 (v.1, 3, 4) *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

## Going Into the World

Deacon      Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

## Postlude

*This brings worship to a close.*

*All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

### Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1:      Bruce Hinkle

Reader 2:      Karen Wang

Prayer:      Malcolm Wang

Greeter/Usher: **Volunteer Needed**

Zoom Host:      Bruce Hinkle

Counters:

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