Emmanuel Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday After The Epiphany
January 18, 2026



WELCOME! We're glad that you're here today to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship – In the pews, the chapel Prayground, or the parish hall!

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you!
We invite you to sign the guest register by the main doors
or scan the QR code in the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org.
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We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zhoⁿ (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today as we all work towards racial justice, equity, liberation for all people.

Prelude Prelude on “We Shall Overcome” arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Opening Hymn Christ, whose glory fills the skies Hymnal 7



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Word of God, BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Holy, and Eternal God.
People: Blessed be God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Celebrant God has reconciled us and made us one in Christ, therefore let us glorify God as we proclaim.

Celebrant and People

> **You are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Holy and undivided Trinity; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen.** (BCP, 90)

The Collect of the Day, BCP p. 215

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The children are led out to Children's Chapel.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah**.**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. "But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (49:1-7)
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12 Expectans, expectavi BCP p.640

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."'

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians .

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

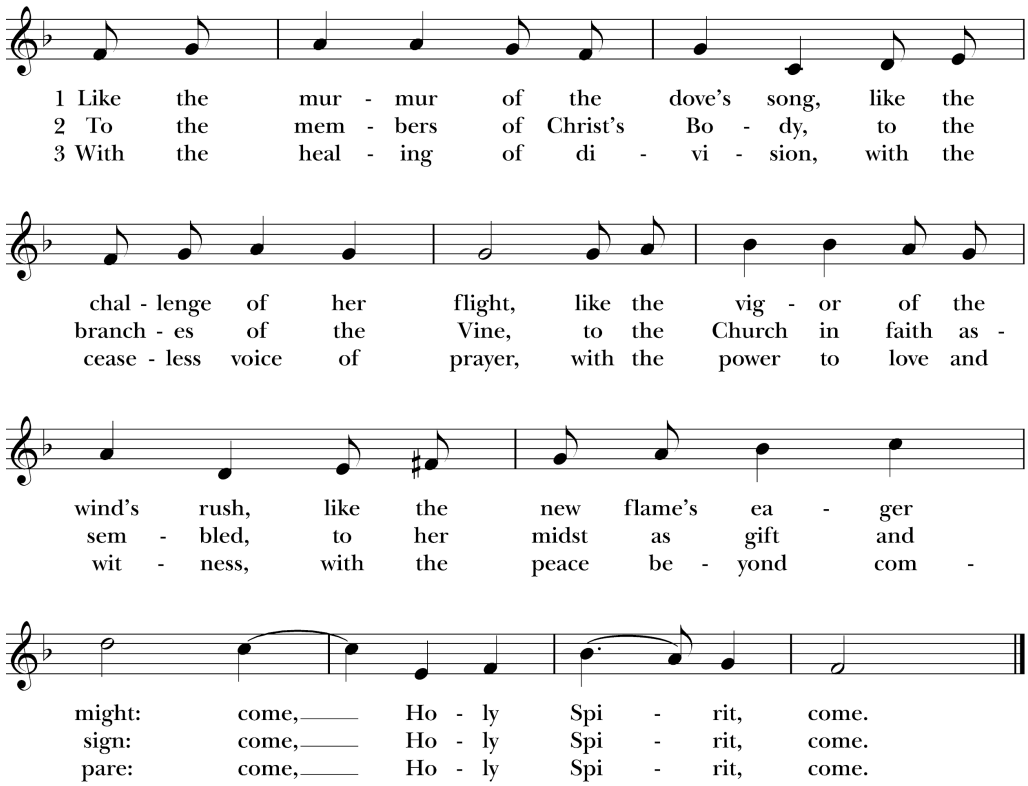
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1:1-9)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Like the murmur of the dove's song Hymnal 513
Before the Gospel: vs. 1 & 2 | After the Gospel: vs. 3



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). (1:29-42)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

Affirmation of Faith:

The Nicene Creed: Adapted (Inclusive and Expansive Language)

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God’s reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the

Creator and the Christ is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, 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.

The Prayers of the People *The people may be seated.*

Litany in the Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leader: Let us before all else give thanks for the love of God revealed to the world in the life and death of Jesus Christ:
MLK: The Cross is the eternal expression of the length to which God will go in order to restore broken community.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and for the enduring power of his dream:
MLK: I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low… and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. … With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to pray and work for peace:
MLK: One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.… How much longer must we play at deadly war games before we heed the plaintive pleas of the unnumbered dead and maimed of past wars?
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to walk in the way of nonviolence:
MLK: The non-violent approach … first does something to the hearts and souls of those committed to it. It gives them new self-respect; it calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not know they had. Finally, it reaches the opponent and so stirs his conscience that reconciliation becomes a reality.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to pray and work for a just ordering of our world:
MLK: Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. … This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is the time for vigorous and positive action.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to the vision of a world without poverty and disease:
MLK: I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to seek the spiritual renewal of the Church:

MLK: In spite of being disappointed, in spite of being left out without any initial response, millions of people are still knocking on the door of the Church and turning to it for the answers to the basic problems of life. The great challenge facing the Church today is to keep the bread fresh.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; we pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we pray for Lou and for those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for the dying and the dead, and for those who grieve; we pray…
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect: And now unto God who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the mountains of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy, to God be power and authority, for ever and ever. Amen.

Adaptation from Jeffery W. Rowthorn

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.
People: Amen.

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.	**Y con tu espíritu.**
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka.	**Neetho kooda.**
The peace of Christ be always with you.	**And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Hemos visto su estrella en el Oriente y hemos venido con nuestras ofrendas para adorar al Señor.

We have seen his star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

Offertory Anthem	I Believe This Is Jesus Emmanuel Choir	Traditional spiritual/arr. Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus;
come and see.
The Light of God shines in his face;
come and see.
He offers all his pard'ning grace;
come and see.

The Doxology

The people stand in body or spirit as the gifts are brought forward. The congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Gathering at Christ's Table: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 36

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

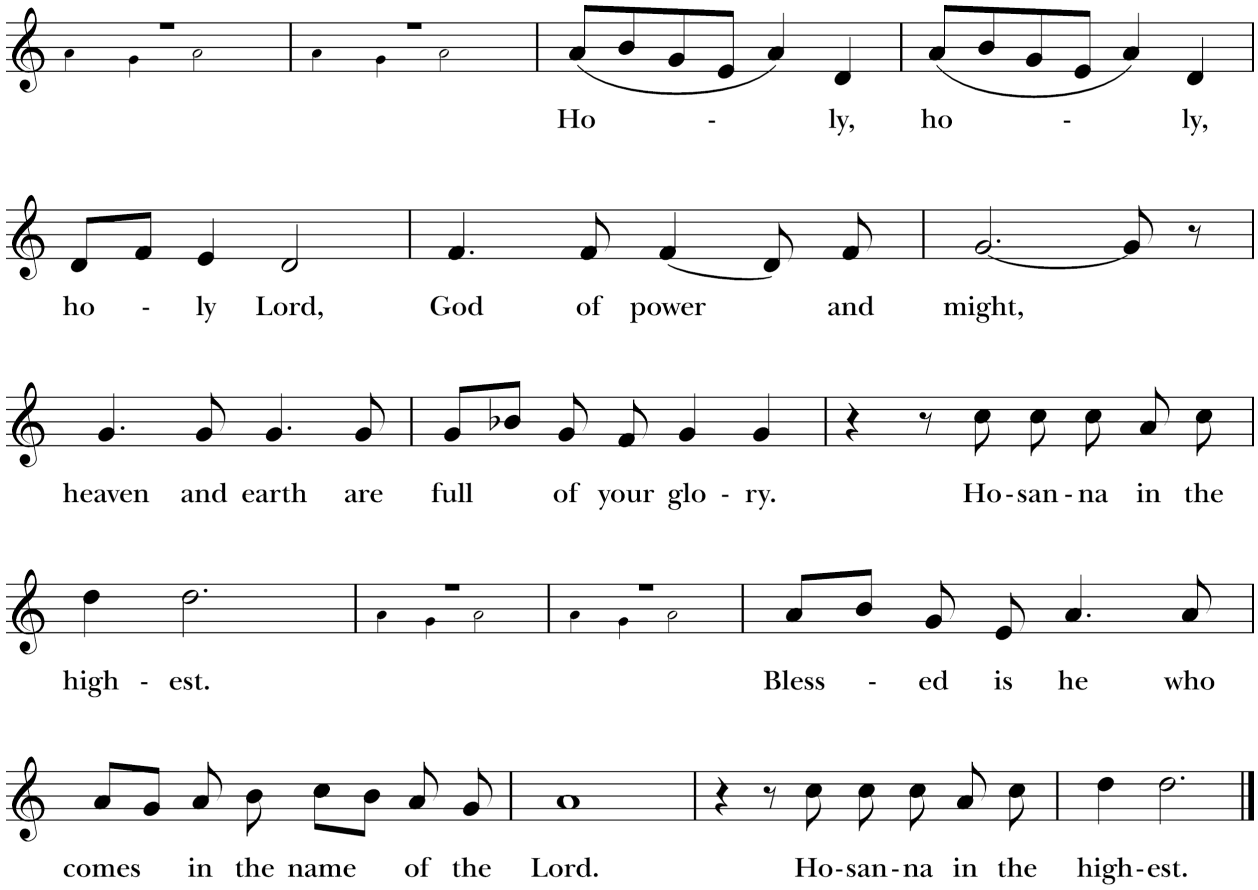
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S128



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The people may stand, sit, or kneel.

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, O God, 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:

People: 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 are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer, BCP p. 364 *The people may stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say in the language of our hearts:

Our Father, who are 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).
The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: *All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, and dairy-free.*
The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

Wine: *You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine).*
Please do not reach into the cup of wine.
OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.

Blessing: *If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns: What wondrous love is this Hymnal 439



Will you come and follow me Wonder, Love & Praise 757



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The Post Communion Prayer, BCP 365. *The people stand in body or spirit.*

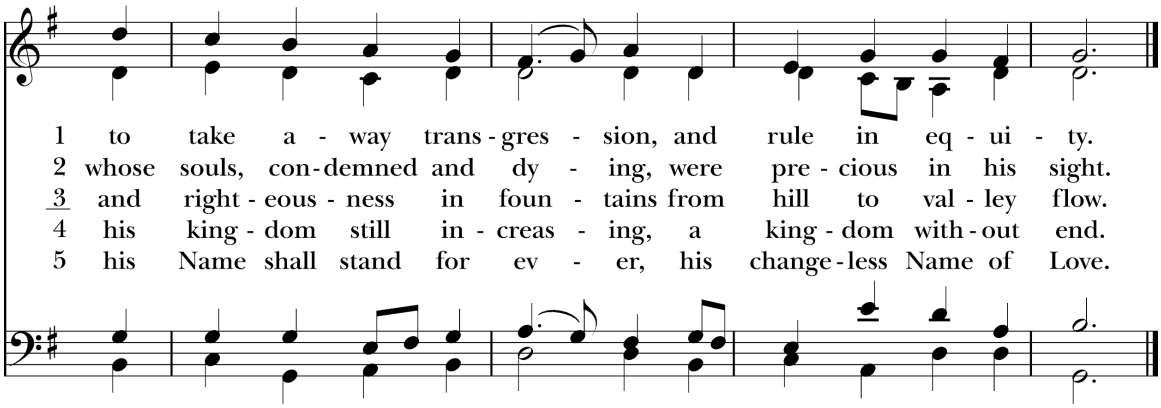
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal 616





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

The Dismissal

Deacon/Priest: Alleluia. Alleluia. Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude Toccata on "Great Day" arr. Adolphus Hailstork

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, George and Georgia Moxley
John Kuhn, Mary Louise Kuhn and Virginia Kemper Kuhn
By Rick and Mary Jane Kuhn.

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar

19	JAN, MON	All day	Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
		11am – 2pm	Robert Reed Funeral and Reception
		6:30 – 8pm	Vestry on Zoom
21	JAN, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		4 – 5pm	WU Int'l Students Dinner
		5 – 6pm	Old Testament Bible Study Behold Room
		6 – 7pm	Fellowship Dinner
		6:30 – 7pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		6:45 – 7pm	Taizé Service
		7:05 – 8:05pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Rehkopf Hall (Choir Room)
22	JAN, THU	11:30am – 12:30pm	Book Club (Behold Room)
		6:30 – 7:30pm	Brown Bag (MOE)
23	JAN, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
25	JAN, SUN	All day	Annual Meeting
		All day	Bridge Bread for Sale at Church
		All day	Epiphany 3
		8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		10:45am – 12:45pm	Annual Meeting

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.



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