# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

# Holy Eucharist

## Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

O God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you. Help us so to know you that we may truly love you; and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## The Liturgy of the Word



—Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926)
 Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1985, alt.

## ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY Remain standing.

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

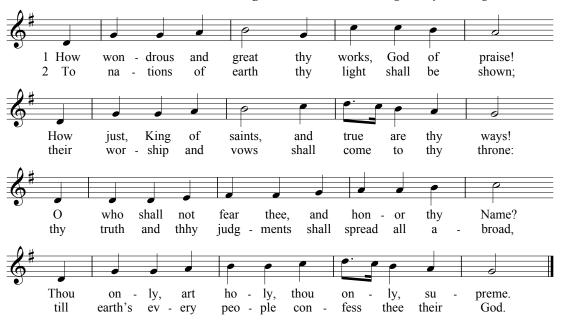
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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 "How wondrous and great" Remain standing; everyone sings.



—Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759–1858), alt. para. The Song of the Redeemed Music: Lyons, attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of Jonah (3:1–5, 10).

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 62:6–14 All say the psalm together.

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \* truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \* my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*
  God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \* pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \* even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \* all of them together.
- Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \* though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \* that power belongs to God.
- Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \* for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

## SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (7:29–31).

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: Restoration, melody from The Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Hymnal 1982, after The Southern Harmony, 1985

## GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:14-20).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

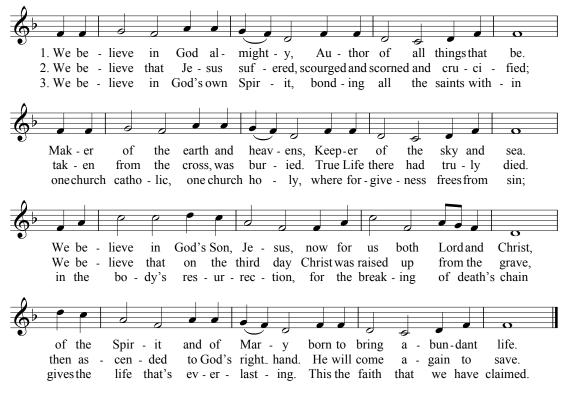
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Anna Calhoun and Katherine Smithwick for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

### **SERMON**

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

## CREED Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

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Music: Beach Spring, melody from The Sacred Harp, 1844

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: We remember in our prayers today the joys and concerns of this congregation: those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners who have asked our prayers, and those we hold in our hearts.

## We pray for:

ANNE Bender	THE GREELEY	ALLAN Philp	<b>DENISE &amp; ROGER</b>
GAIL Cox	<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>MARILYN</b> Randall	Tibedo
MARY Davis	MARGE Hudson	NANCYE Reeder	ALICE & FRED
LOIS Dearolf	PATRICK Hundley	<b>ALVIN</b> Richards	Wegmann
CONNIE DeWitt	<b>ELLEN</b> LoCurto-	TOM Schlitt	MICHELE Welsh
DANA & DEWELL	Martinez	CAROL Smith	and
Downey	DON McConnell	SHAROLYN Sprigg	DON White
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The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; Leader:

That your name may be glorified by all people. People:

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. People:

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; Leader:

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight. People:

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer for any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress. People:

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

All: God of all seasons, Your imagination is boundless and continually invites us into new possibilities for love, active caring, and servanthood. You inspire our growth from the riches of your grace. Help us to listen faithfully for your voice and to follow your call in this new season at Good Samaritan so that your name may be glorified in the generations and seasons to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

All: 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. Amen.

PEACE Standing, all who are able.

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

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

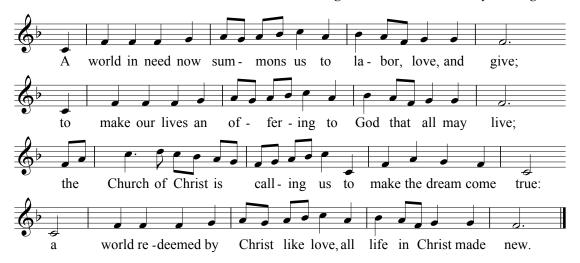
## **Holy Communion**

#### **OFFERTORY**

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

HYMN "A world in need now summons us" Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 2.)
Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

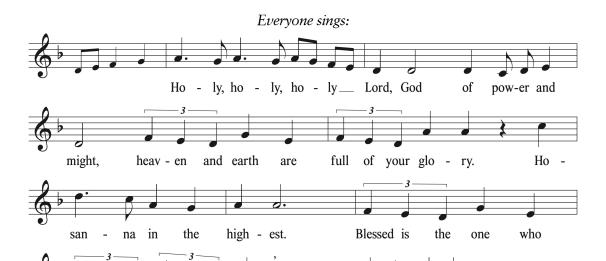
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right, for you made us, most Holy God. And before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

We praise you, O God, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. We praise you for his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness and restoring us forever to you. For these gifts we praise and worship you.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:



-Setting: Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

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The people stand or kneel.

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Celebrant: Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."

Celebrant: So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor.

All: In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

Celebrant: We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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.

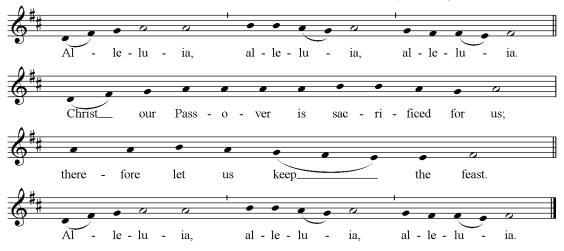
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



-Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

### INVITATION

Celebrant:

This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. 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 all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

#### **DURING COMMUNION**

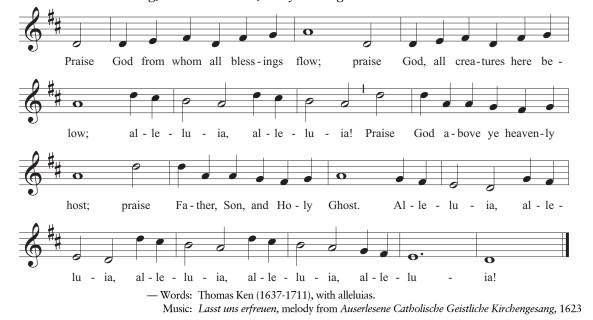
HYMN "There's a wideness in God's mercy" Everyone sings.



-Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

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## DOXOLOGY Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

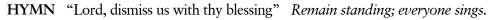
## SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.





—Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817), with seasonal addition Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody;

first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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