

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
March 2, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

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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

HYMN “Songs of thankfulness and praise” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



Man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, wuell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - est them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Heintz (1622–1702)

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.*

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all a-broad,

Thou on-ly, art ho-ly, thou on-ly, su-preme.
till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

—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.

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.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

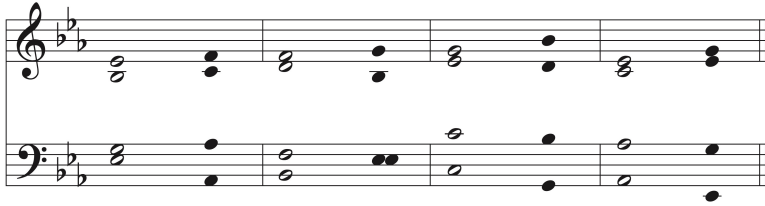
A reading from the Book of Exodus (34:29–35).

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 “O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”
- ‡ 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:12–4:2).

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Christ, whose glory fills the skies” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, - till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

—Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Ratisbon*, attr. Johann Gottlob Werner (1777–1822)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (9:28–36).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Ann Backus 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.*



We be - lieve_ in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.
We be - lieve_ that Je - sus suf - ered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
We be lieve_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in



Mak - er of_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky_ and sea.
tak - en from_ the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees_ from sin;



We be lieve_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us_ both Lord_ and Christ,
We be lieve_ that on the third_ day Christ was raised up from_ the grave,
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of_ death's chain



of_ the Spir - it and_ of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then_ as - cend - ed to_ God's right_ hand. He will come a - gain to save.
gives the life_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith_ that we have claimed.

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

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Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: With our eyes fixed on Christ, the beloved Son who intercedes for us, let us offer our prayers to God with confident faith, saying: Loving God, receive our prayer.

We remember in our prayers 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.

Leader: We pray for:

ED Archer	MARGE Hudson	KENT Parish
CHIP Beets	FRANCIS Lloyd	BELLE Parman
PEGGY Bradley	ELLEN Lo-Curto-Martinez	ALLAN Philp
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	ANN McClain	MARILYN Randall
GAIL Cox	DON McConnell	JANE Reed
RON Dearolf	TOM McConnell	RARA Schlitt
DANA & DEWELL Downey	NATALIE McNutt	DENISE Tibedo
DOUG Embler	MARCELLUS Mitchell	SUE Wager
BEVERLY Guiler	DALE Oakley	and
ED Hochnedel	PAT Pagni	ALICE & FRED Wegmann

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: That Christ, the morning star, may dawn upon the hearts of all and herald a new day of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Leader: That the church of Christ may be ever attentive to his voice, persevering in prayer and zealous in service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Leader: That we who have been called by Christ to this mountain of prayer may find strength here to be his witnesses in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Leader: That those whose lives are overshadowed by physical pain or anguish of spirit may know the healing touch of Christ and the transfiguring power of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Leader: That those who during their earthly pilgrimage showed forth the light of the Lord, and all whose faith is known to God alone, may be drawn into the radiant joy of heaven's kingdom and behold the face of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: 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 forever. *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)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Christ Upon the Mountain Stands

Christ upon the mountain stands,
Vision of the Father's blessing,
Blazing forth to all the lands,
Saints and angels now professing.
Alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place
In the cloud of wondrous glory
Chosen witnesses of grace,
There to see and tell the story.
Alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends,
Then proclaims to all before him,
This is my beloved Son!
Nations, come now and adore him.
Alleluia!

Faithful hearts are lifted high.
Joyful strains, our voices raising
For this vision's mystery,
Songs of wonder, hymns of praising.
Alleluia!

—Words: Mark Schweizer (1956–2019)
Music: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960)

HYMN “God of mercy, God of grace” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -
face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry
Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -
tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

—Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874–1948)

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:

Everyone sings:

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

—Setting: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner.

The people stand or kneel.

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."

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:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” *Everyone sings.*

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.

—Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850
 Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody fr. *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842;
 harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

HYMN “Be still, for the presence of the Lord” *Everyone sings.*



1. Be still, for the pres - ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here;
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round;
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place:



come bow be - fore him now with rev - er - ence and fear:
he burns with ho - ly fire; with splen - dor he is crowned:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



in him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
how awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of Light!
No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.



Be still, for the pres - ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

—Words and Music: David Evans, 1986.

HYMN “Dona nobis pacem” *Everyone sings.*

1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2
Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

3
Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

—Words: Traditional Latin, “Grant us peace”
Music: *Dona nobis pacem*, traditional canon

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

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven-ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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 who are many are one body,
People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Alleluia, song of gladness” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re-sound-est, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher-ish and would chant for ev - er - more
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil - dren sing with thee;
al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,
at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
as our Sa - vior in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.
there to thee for ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

—Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale, alt.
Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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