

Third Sunday After Epiphany January 26, 2025

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

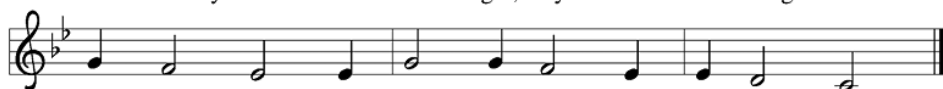
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1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad:
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and Forevermore.

Greeting

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

C: Amen.

P: Arise, shine for our light has come.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: And the Glory of the Lord is upon us.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: God has come to be with us.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: To show us His face in our faces.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: Do not hide your light or let it go out.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: Tend it and protect it and let it shine.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: He is the Light no darkness can overcome.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

Hymn of Praise

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1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure!
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Righteous and merciful God, you revealed your lordship in the faithfulness of your Son, who did not waver in his obedience to your word and your Way. As He was given the Spirit to empower his commitment in the face of many challenges, so give your Spirit to us, that we will also have the strength, patience and wisdom to always remain faithful to your word your Way in the face of all that challenges us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord Provides Bread for His people in the Wilderness

The Israelites were three days in the wilderness and found no water. They came to Marah, but they could not drink from Marah, because it was Mar/bitter. That is why it was called Marah.

And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

He cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

Yahweh said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people will go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

And at daybreak there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "Manna/What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat. On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none.

Yahweh said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions? See! Yahweh has given you the sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day." So, the people rested on the seventh day.

The house of Israel called it "manna"; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

P: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm**91:1-2, 9-16**

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."*

**Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,**

no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

*For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.*

**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

*You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.*

**Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

*When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.*

**With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Lesson

Hebrews 3:1-15

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also "was faithful in all God's house." Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now, Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, as on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors put me to the test, though they had seen my works for forty years. Therefore, I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'They always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known my ways.' As in my anger I swore, 'They will not enter my rest.'"

Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the

rebellion."

P: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "Since you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, '*One does not live by bread alone.*'" [Dt 8:3]

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the human community.

And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written,

*'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only the Lord.'*" [Dt 6:13]

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "Since you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

*'The Lord will give orders to the angels concerning you,
to protect you,'* [Ps 91:1]

and

*'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'*" [Ps 91:12]

Jesus answered him, "It is said, '*Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*'" [Dt 6:16]

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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1. "Lead us not into temptation,"
Jesus teaches us to pray,
recognizing how the tempter
works to bend us from the way
that is open to the promise
and the purpose of each day.

spinning visions in the sky.
Wisdom knows an easy journey
is the devil's sweetest lie.

2. "Lead us not into temptation,"
Jesus guides a heart to cry
when the devil comes enticing,

3. "Lead us not into temptation,"
Jesus understands the prayer.
Still he points us toward the desert
with its devils, well aware
God is sending better angels
on the wind to join us there.

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

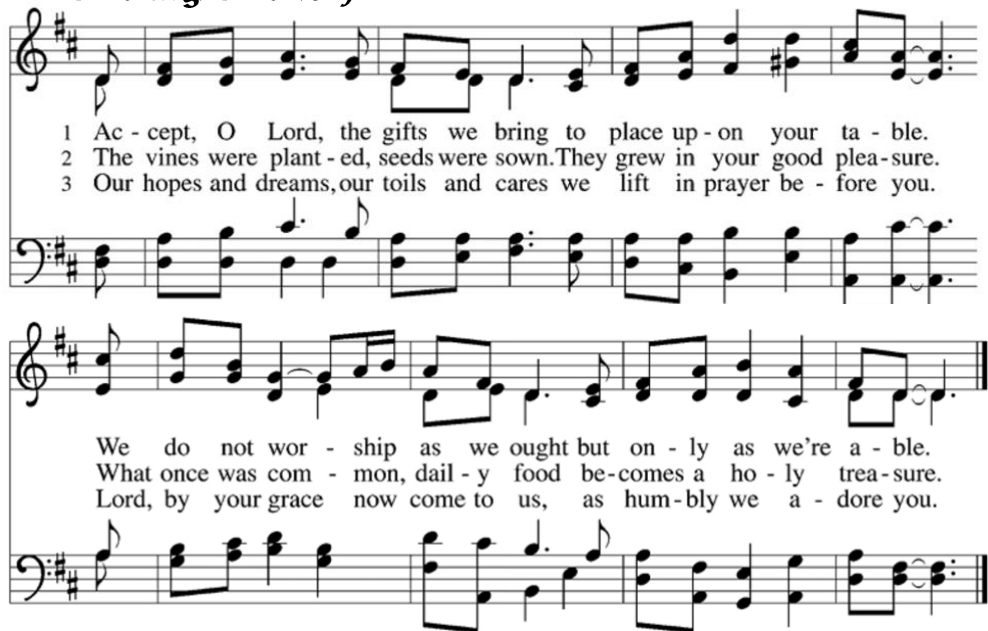
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Offering/Offertory



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown.They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams,our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

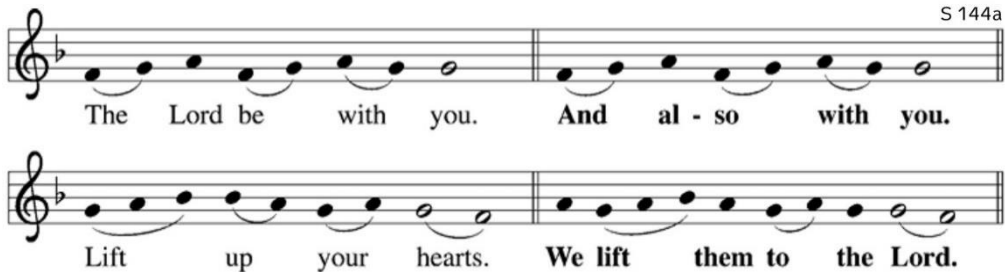
Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

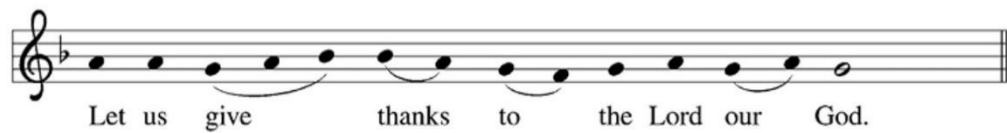
Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



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

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen

Distribution Hymns

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- 1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
- 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High-er than the heav'n's a - bove,
- 3 On - ly Je - sus can im-part balm to heal the wound-ed heart,
- 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
- 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

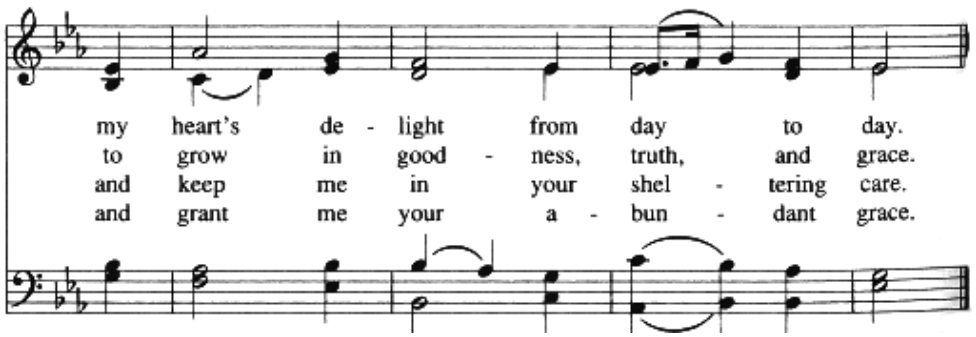
Benediction

Recessional

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,
 2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace
 3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er
 4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,
 the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;
 for - sake the right, or do the wrong;
 be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find
 and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,
 A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,
 Ful - fill your will in all I do,



my heart's de - light from day to day.
to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
and keep me in your shel - tering care.
and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

Dismissal



**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**
At Grace

Sunday, January 26th

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
- 9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 27th

- 9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 28th

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday, January 29th

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

Sunday, February 2nd

Name Tag Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
- 9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Worship