



Epiphany Lutheran Church  
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January 21, 2024 – 10:00 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

**\*Invites the Congregation to stand.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

*"Now the Feast and Celebration"* - Musical Setting by Marty Haugen

**Prelude** "Go Down, Moses" Set for organ by Richard Lloyd

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

[P] We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**[C] We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

[P] At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**[C] We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

[P] We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**[C] We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

[P] To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW #661  
*As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.*

### \*Greeting

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**[C] And also with you.**

\*Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

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Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

**\*Hymn of Praise**                      *“Now the Feast”*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.  
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.  
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of  
God; to make all things new.

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**\*The Prayer of the Day**

[P] The Lord be with you.  
[C] **And also with you.**  
[P] Let us pray...  
[C] **Amen**

*Insert*

**Children’s Church** (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

**The First Lesson:** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

*Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.  
[C] **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** *62:5-12; refrain, Ps. 62:6*

*Insert*

(*Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.*)

**The Second Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

*Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.  
[C] **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia!  
**Repeat**

**\*The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*Mark 1:14-20* *Insert*  
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.  
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** Bill Schroeder

**\*The Hymn of the Day:** “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” ELW #696

**\*The 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 into hell. 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** *Insert*  
*After each portion of the prayers:*  
[A] God of grace,  
[C] **receive our prayer.**

**\*The Peace** is shared by all.  
[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
[C] **And also with you.**  
*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Offertory Hymn** “As the Grains of Wheat”

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**\*Offering Prayer**  
[A] Let us pray together,  
[C] **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*The Great Thanksgiving

Presider:

Congregation:

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Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

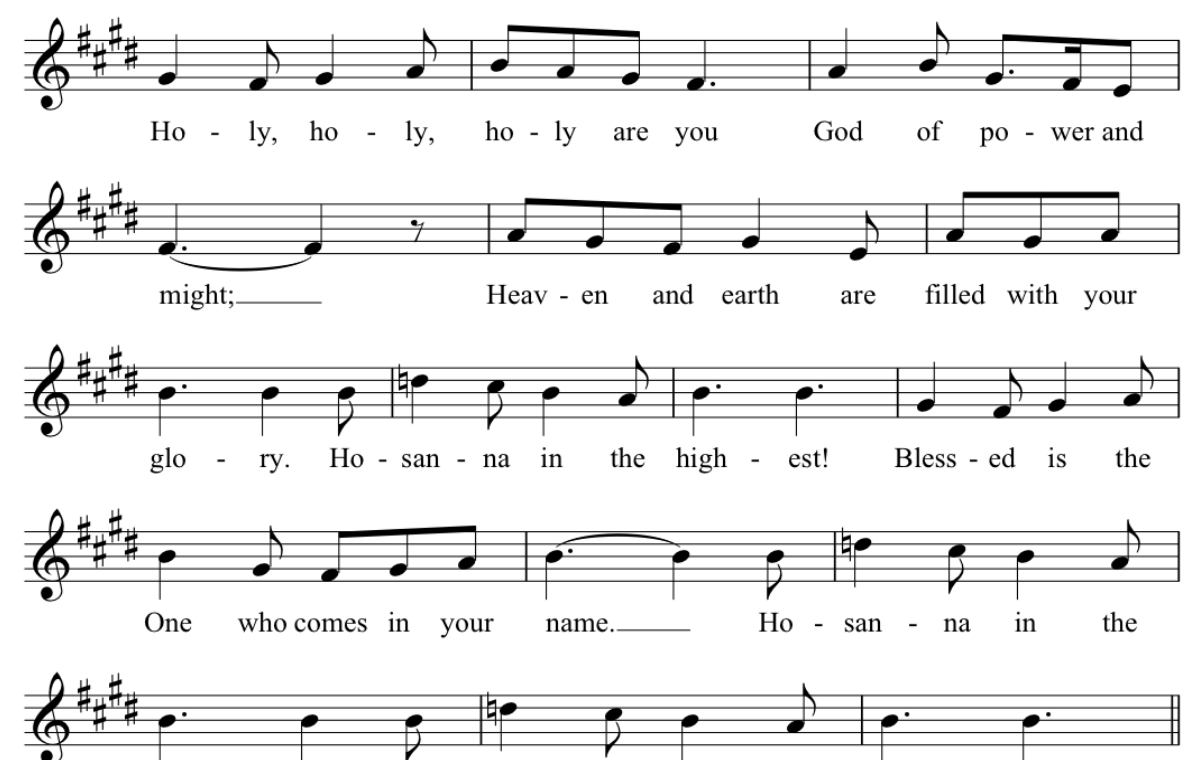
Presider:

Congregation:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



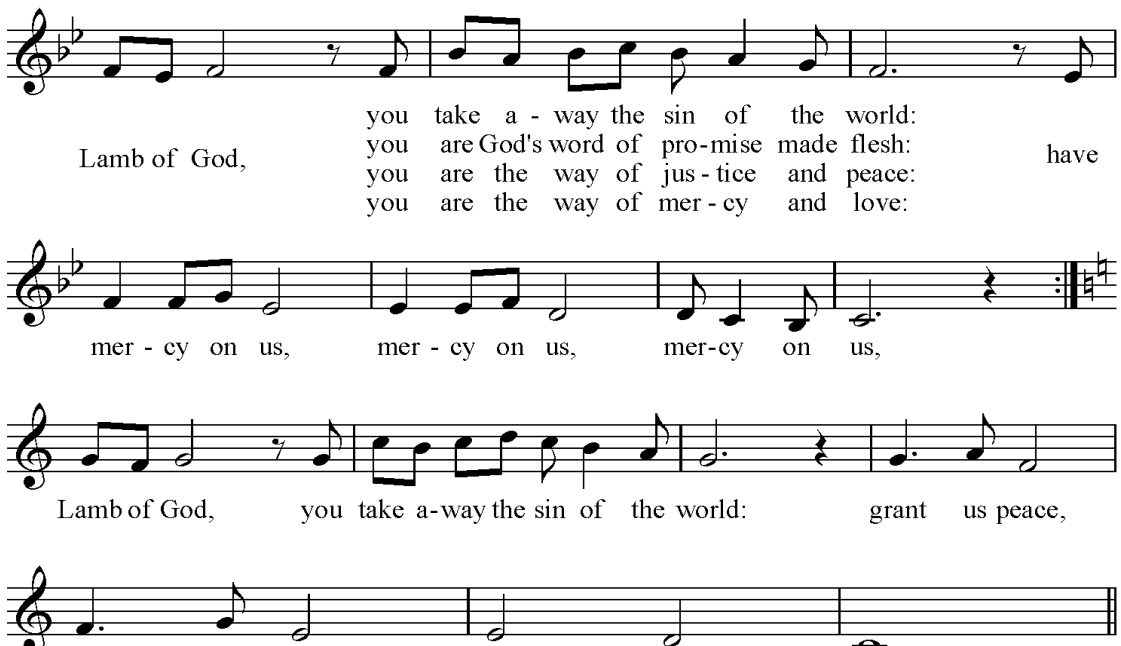
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you God of po - wer and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[C] 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.

The Communion *Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.*

The Congregation is invited to sing “Lamb of God”.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
you are God's word of pro-mise made flesh:  
you are the way of jus-tice and peace:  
you are the way of mer-cy and love:  
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us,  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW #815  
“O Jesus, I Have Promised” ELW #810

\*Post-Communion Blessing

[P] Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.  
[C] Amen.

\*Praise to You, O God of Mercy

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda 1 2  
thanks be to you for - ev - er! ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -  
thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b’ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Coda  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

\*Post-Communion Prayer

[A] Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.  
[C] Amen.

\*Benediction (Blessing)

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.  
[C] Amen.

\*Recessional Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW #588

As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn,  
the congregation turns to face the cross.

\*Dismissal

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Joshua” Set for organ by Rosalie Bonighton

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