

Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION JANUARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for men.

COMMEMORATION

Agnes, martyr (c. 291–c. 304); Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome who had chosen a life of service to Christ as a virgin, despite the Roman emperor Diocletian's ruling that had outlawed all Christian activity. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. Since her death, the church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" (favorite)Majesty # 482

INVOCATION (*= All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in Jesus Christ, Who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Comforting God, C: **We confess before You and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as You desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as You have commanded. Because of us, all creation suffers. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In Your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in Your promise. AMEN.**

P: God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin, known and unknown, and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God, nothing is impossible.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. 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.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (WOV p 29)

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Refrain*

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: Almighty God, by grace alone**
You call us and accept us in Your service. Strengthen
us by Your Spirit, and make us worthy of Your call,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

(Please sit.)

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 62 *(congregation: indented)*

My soul finds rest in God alone;

my salvation comes from Him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;

He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

How long will you assault a man?

Would all of you throw him down—

this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

They fully intend to topple him from his lofty place;

they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless,

but in their hearts they curse.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

my hope comes from Him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;

He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;

He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in Him at all times, O people;

pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

Lowborn men are but a breath,

the highborn are but a lie;

if weighed on a balance, they are nothing;

together they are only a breath.

Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods;

though your riches increase,

do not set your heart on them.

One thing God has spoken,

two things have I heard:

that You, O God, are strong,

and that You, O Lord, are loving.

Surely You will reward each person

according to what he has done.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READING....Jonah 3:1-10.....Pg. 1438

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 Corinthians 7:25-31.....Pg. 1779

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"His Name Is Wonderful" (Maj # 173 - favorite - Audrey Mieir)

His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful,

Je-sus, my Lord; He is the might-y King, Mas-ter of ev-ery-thing,

His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord. He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "His Name Is Wonderful". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

Slower on repeat

ag-es, Al-might-y God is He; Bow down be-fore Him, Love and a -
 dore Him; His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord. Lord.

1 Repeat optional 2

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 1:14-20.....Pg. 1552

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children go to Children's Church)

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

"Jesus Calls Ordinary People"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

(ELW # 817 - Cesáreo Gabaráin)

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind-ly smil - ing,
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

A LITANY FOR LIFE *(Please kneel.)*

P: O God, in Whom we live and move and have our being:

C: Have mercy on us.

L: O God, You are the author of life:

C: Grant that all may respect the sanctity of the gift of life

P: O God, Your gift is not diminished by change or circumstance:

C: Help all people to see the value of human life and that we are all equal before You.

L: O Giver of Life, in mercy grant repentance to those who wrest life from the womb:

C: Father, for the sake of Christ, forgive them, for they know not fully what they do.

P: Father, to those who are troubled by a haunting sense of guilt:

C: Bring them the freeing, healing love of Christ.

L: Father, You have freed us from a life of death and despair:

C: By the power of Christ's resurrection help us to live a life of faith and love.

P: Compassionate Christ, grant all a sincere concern for the unborn, the developmentally disabled, the aged and all the vulnerable in need of love and protection:

C: May we love them as You do.

L: Gracious Father, turn the hearts of all people to You and to respect for the wondrous mystery that is the gift of life.

C: Help us to see that there are no men or women, none old or young, none healthy or incapacitated that You do not sustain and whom we should not protect.

P: Take away callousness, impatience, greed, and indifference from our people that the church may unite with all people of noble mind to care for those who experience life as a burden, to work for justice that all life may be protected by civil government, and to pray for mercy in the face of all the lives that have been lost. Use Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers to rescue many lives.

C: Compassionate Christ, grant that we may all be channels of Your saving, seeking love. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God Whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *(WOV p 36)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Remembering, therefore, His preaching and healing, His dying and rising, and His promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in Your holy and life-giving light. By Your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of Your Son. Through Him all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. People who want to maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(LBW # 475 - favorite - Text: John G. Whittier; Tune: Frederick C. Maker)



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fev - 'rish
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
3 Oh, Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, oh, calm of hills a -
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; in
sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
bove; where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - 'rence, praise.
us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.

2. "Jesus Loves Me!"

(Maj # 423 - favorite - Text: Anna B. Warner; Tune: William B. Bradbury)



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.



Refrain
Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: C: Everlasting God, we bless
You that You have brought us to the mountaintop and
fed us with the life and light of Your Son. Send us in
His name from this place to bring light into dark cor-
ners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to
every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace. C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" (Maj # 385 - favorite)

UNKNOWN FOLK MELODY FROM INDIA
Unison

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low
2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-
3. Tho'none go with me, I still will fol-low, Tho'none go with me, I still will
4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low

Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fol-low, Tho'none go with me, I still will fol-low, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
Je-sus, Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

JANUARY 21, 2024
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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-VOLUNTEER NEEDED

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45 VOLUNTEER NEEDED

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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