

4th Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024 11:00 am



In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Order of Worship

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will stop and give You praise For great is Thy faithfulness (Repeat)

You're our creator our life sustainer Deliverer our comfort our joy Throughout the ages You've been our shelter Our peace in the midst of the storm

With signs and wonders You've shown Your power With precious blood You showed us Your grace You've been our helper our liberator The giver of life with no end

We will remember we will remember We will remember the works of Your hands We will stop and give You praise For great is Thy faithfulness

When we walk through life's darkest valleys We will look back at all You have done And we will shout our God is good And He is the faithful one

Hallelujah hallelujah to the one from whom all blessings flow Hallelujah hallelujah to the one whose glory has been shown



We will remember we will remember We will remember the works of Your hands We will stop and give You praise For great is Thy faithfulness

I still remember the day You saved me The day I heard You call out my name You said You loved me and would never leave me And I've never been the same

We will remember we will remember We will remember the works of Your hands We will stop and give You praise For great is Thy faithfulness (Repeat)

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(stand) **GREETING**

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.

(stand) PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(stand) **OPENING SONG**

(stand) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- Amen.
- Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

 We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the

placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

- Thanks be to God!
- We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

We praise you for the Alcovy, the Yellow, the Apalachee, and the Chattahoochee Rivers.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it

is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

- **A** Word of God, word of life.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TALK

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power, God of might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest

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(stand) GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

- P The holy gospel according to Mark
- Glory to you, O Lord.

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Your glorious cause O God Engages our hearts May Jesus Christ be known Wherever we are We ask not for ourselves But for Your renown The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God And courage to speak Perform Your wondrous deeds Through those who are weak Lord use us as You want Whatever the test By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till Our dying breath

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come (Repeat)

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APOSTLES' CREED

- P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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.

(stand) THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"

The response is "receive our prayer."

- P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

(sit) THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

- **P** Let us pray. 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.

stand) GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who sin against us;

save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

(sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Loving Lord, Creator God open our eyes to see the good that lives in each of us that called the world to be And when we fail to see the good when friendships falter and crumble give us the courage to forgive that we may live in peace

Living Word, O Son of God your love shows us the way that we may live in harmony and from you never stray Wipe all oppression from our midst give us a love for all people Your song of justice sing in us to live for peace today

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

- P God who names you,
 Christ who claims you
 and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

 → bless you and remain with you always.
- Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Your Grace is Enough"......Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me (Repeat)

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along



So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me (Repeat)

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough Heaven reaching down to us Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

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DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough Heaven reaching down to us Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me For me

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