

Service of Holy Communion for February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.
C **All the time God loves you.**

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away
from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may
be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

P Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

I Choose to Worship

DeShazo & Sadler

♩=96

VERSE

D

D/F#

G



1. I could stand _ out - side _ Your gates _ and nev - er _ en - ter in; _
2. I won't stand _ out - side _ Your gates _ and nev - er _ en - ter in; _

4

D/F#

Em⁷

A^{sus}



— I could let _ this mo - ment pass _ and go _ my way _ a - gain. .
— I won't let _ this mo - ment pass _ and go _ my way _ a - gain. .

8

A

D

D/F#

G



— I could just _ keep si - lent _ and hold _ from You _ my praise; .
— How can I _ keep si - lent _ and hold _ from You _ my praise? .

12

Em⁷

D/A

A^{7sus}



— Or I _ could give _ my heart _ a - way. _____
— Lord, I give _ my heart _ a - way. _____

CHORUS

16

A⁷

G

D/F#

Em⁷

Em⁷/A



— I choose _ to wor - ship, _ I choose _ to

20 D² D G A^{sus} A D D^{sus}

love You, _ to reach out _ and touch Your heart;

24 D D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ Em⁷/A

I want _ to know You, _ here in _ this

28 A/B Bm⁷ G A^{sus} A D

mo - ment, _ O I choose _ to wor - ship You. _____

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
- ²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**
- ³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
- ⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**
- ⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Glory

*Refrain: All

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry

1
and the hon - or to the Lord!

2
and the hon - or to the Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-27

The holy gospel of Matthew the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

Please stand at the last verse.



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible (*especially*), empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nurture all in need (*especially*). Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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located inside both sanctuary doors.*

ANTHEM

I Will Follow

Tomlin, Ingram, Morgan

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and
true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

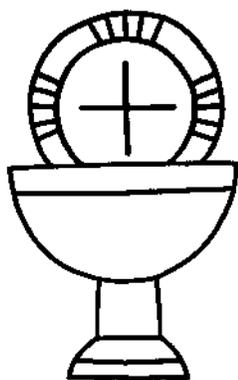
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and taste the joy of God!
All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Please be seated



COMMUNION

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body ELW 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat - tered	and grown,



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

Refrain

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

You Are My Hiding Place W&P 160

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways". The second staff continues: "fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When-". The third staff continues: "ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,". The fourth staff continues: "I will trust in you. Let the weak say,". The fifth staff contains a repeat sign and the lyrics: "I am strong in the strength of the Lord." The sixth staff contains a repeat sign and the lyrics: "strength of the Lord, I will trust in you.".

*1**
Am Dm⁷ G G/B
You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways

Csus C G/B F/A Dm
fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When-

Esus E ²Am
ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,

Dm⁷ G G/B C G/B
I will trust in you. Let the weak say,

F/A Dm *To repeat* Esus E
"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Last time Esus E Am
strength of the Lord, I will trust in you."

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God 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.**



1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

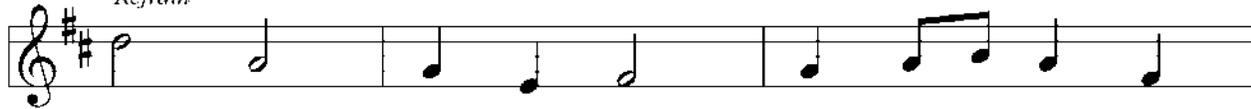


Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness: teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:



in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Happy
Pastor Tara
Birthday

Sunday Worship & Education

8:30am Service of Holy Communion

9:45am Sunday School for all ages!

11:00am Service of Holy Communion

The chancel flowers are presented today to the glory of God
by Lynda Martinez
in honor of Pastor Tara's special birthday, all February birthdays.
and God's unconditional LOVE.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30am

Assisting Minister: Nancy Goyda

Greeter/Usher: Diane Teig

Usher: Walt Lumley

Reader: Kathy Lumley

Sound: Gerry Teig

Streamer: Kris McMahan

Nursery: Kristin Frederick, Matt Frederick

Counters: Jane Foskett, Beth Fenner

Refreshments: Jane Foskett, Toni Durandetta

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