

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Epiphany
Worship at 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

We come to this place to hear the story of God's radical love and forgiveness, to let God's story be made known in our lives and world. But we are all too aware of the ways that we do not listen, and try to go it our own way. Let us confess our sin...

Lord, we are sorry...

**For the times we forget your story.
For the times we forget your love is for all.
For the times we feel lost and turn from you.**

Lord we are sorry...

**For the times we judge ourselves and others harshly.
For the times we think some people don't deserve your grace.
For the times we think so highly of ourselves that we fail to seek repentance.**

Lord we are sorry...

**For the times we squander your grace.
For the times we hurt our neighbors and ourselves.
For the times we think our brokenness is the end of the story.**

We know the end of the story. The Lord will heal the broken heart. God will seek the lost and find them. Love wins. Life wins. Grace wins. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are held in God's loving embrace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus Hymn #451

1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
 we are baptized in his death;
 that as Christ is raised victorious,
 we might live a brand new life.
 And if we have been united
 in a dreadful death like his,
 we will all be reunited, for he lives.

2 In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

3 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen

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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.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all
grace upon grace. When we fall short of what you would have us do, clothe
us in your mercy, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-10

Bible pg. 452

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being;[a]
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right[b] spirit within me.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Children's Message

Please stand, as you are able

Scripture Acclamation Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

God’s Word for the Day

Luke 15:11-32

Bible pg. 850

A reading from the Gospel of Luke. Hear God’s Word for God’s People.
Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

11 Then Jesus[a] said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with[b] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’[c] 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your

father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father[d] said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please be seated

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

Hymn Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Hymn #808

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 105

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.

Prayers

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you

Please share the peace of our Risen Christ with your neighbors

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Hymnal #184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;

unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray...

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with more gifts than we can count, and when we squander your grace, you continue to shower us with more. Lord, either through us or in spite of us, use our humble gifts to bless the world, that all might know your mercy, grace, and love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

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."

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.

The time is now. Jesus calls us all to this meal.

Lamb of God

Hymnal pg 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music during Communion

Hymn Healer of Our Every Ill

Hymn #612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Hymn Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

Hymn #745

- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
we may, we must draw near.
- 2 We perish if we cease from prayer;
oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare,
Lord, meet us on our way.
- 3 Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desire, with confidence,
to hear your voice and live;
- 4 Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
on Christ, on Christ alone.
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done;
thus strengthened with all might,

we, through your Spirit and your Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Hymn Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Hymn #592

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
 but that thy blood was shed for me,
 and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
 with many a conflict, many a doubt,
 fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
 sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 yea, all I need in thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
God's grace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Gracious God, at this table we have come back to you, looking for a glimpse of your grace, a taste of your salvation. Instead, you have welcomed us with your loving embrace and given us your very self. Send us from this place with the good news that you welcome all to your table, and help us to feed the world with your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

May you go into the world to share God's story. As you go, share stories of a sheep, a coin, and a son gone astray. Tell tales of dishonest managers, tax collectors and sinners, and other people just like you who are loved by God. Share your own story, and more importantly, share the story of the love and grace given to us all in + Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Hymn #618

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love.

It's about time.

Postlude