

You're Welcome...



Epiphany 2: January 19, 2025



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The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM



GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude: Handbell Ensemble: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, arr. Bill Ingram

(Please stand and face the baptismal font.)

Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P. Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Please kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Merciful God,

C. you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen

P. God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C. Amen

The Entrance Hymn: #575 IN CHRIST CALLED TO BAPTIZE

Apostolic 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.

Hymn of Praise (stanzas 1 & 5 only)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

The Prayer of the Day:

P. Lord God, source of every blessing,

**C. you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

(Be Seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10 (sung responsively with the cantor)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches [|] to the heavens, and your faithfulness [|] to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like [|] the great deep; you save humankind and ani- [|] mals, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your [|] love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow [|] of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance [|] of your house;

you give them drink from the river of [|] your delights.

⁹For with you is the [|] well of life, and in your light [|] we see light.

¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to [|] those who know you,

and your favor to those who are [|] true of heart.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is

given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11

P. The Holy Gospel according to John.

C. Glory to you, O Lord, (spoken)

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

(Be seated)

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]

(stand)

The Hymn of the Day: #705 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

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 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

The Prayers

P. With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world,
and all of creation.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. God of grace, **C. hear our prayer.**

P. We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is
revealed among the people

C. Amen

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C. And also with you!

The Offertory: Celebration Choir: *Arise, Shine*, Robert Lau

Offertory Hymn: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. 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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The Offertory Prayer:

P. God of grace,

C. bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen

The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

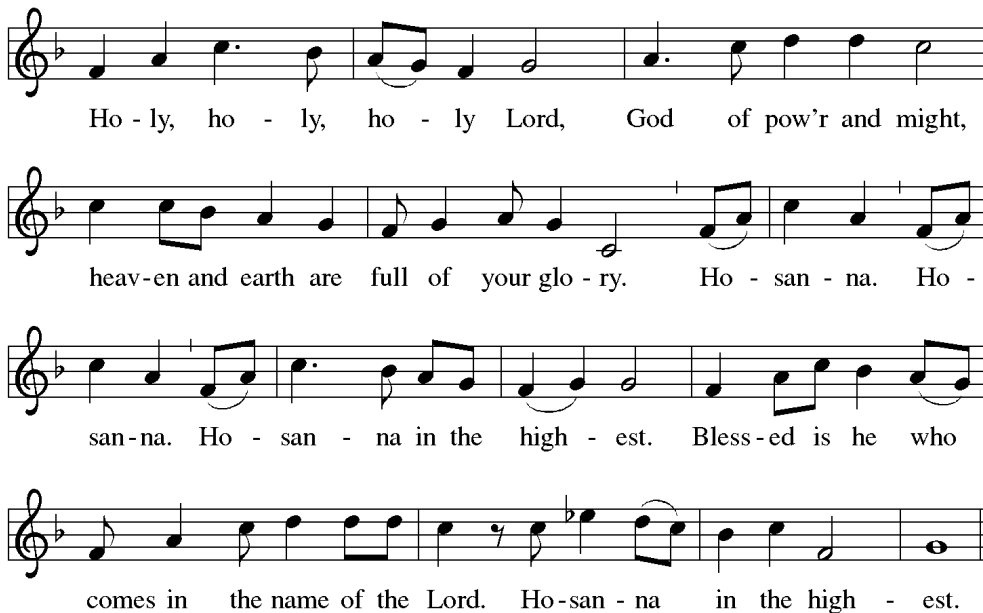
P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

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

The Preface for Epiphany

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer:

P. Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. 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.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

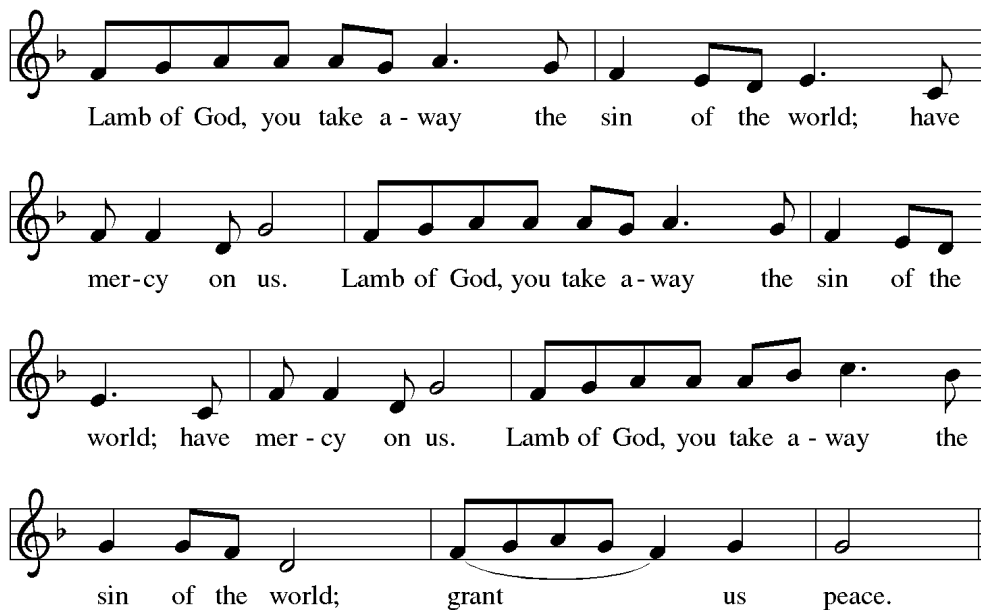
P. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C. 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

The Fraction:

P. Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Agnes Dei – LAMB OF GOD



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

[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution:

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

#460 NOW THE SILENCE

#487 WHAT FEAST OF LOVE

#488 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

#468 AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS

#542 O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

The Blessing of Communicants:

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

C. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer:

P. Nourishing God,

C. at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen

The Benediction

P. The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C. Amen

The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Live in hope.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*, Robert Lau

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 John Weiss

LECTOR

9:00 John Weiss

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 John Fuehrer, Ed Quirke

ACOLYTES

9:00 Anya Gilbert

AV

Live Stream

Launder Linens: Brenda Wangman

Deliver Flowers: Dan Doremus

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,
Ann & Bob Snader

USHERS

9:00 Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart,
Sue Watts, Carl Rentschler

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

† In honor of Herm Spitzer and to the glory of
God; by Bill & Lori Spitzer.

Prayers of the People

Greg Paparo – 50 Farm Lane, Ephrata, PA 17521

John Duing – Bob & Ann Snader’s friend

Duke & Bonnie Leeper – friends of Mike and Judy Williams

Jim Hooper – Joyce Hooper’s husband. 309 Bank Hill Rd. Wrightsville, PA 17368

Jill Puleo – Cheryl Plummer’s cousin

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543

Colleen Kresge – friend of Lori Spitzer

Sheldon Garman – Friend of Mike & Judy Williams

Henry Perella – great-nephew of Judy Williams

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna

Emmalyn Mulvenna

Janet Brunner

Andrew Campbell

Michael Spennath

Asher D'Agostino

Tony Perella

Mike & Claudia Belden

COL. Eric Bowers

Dan Wierbiki

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Karen Woerner Kim

Kim Harnish

Rick Gerhard

Wyatt Geisthweit

Les Doremus

Jim Weik

Heidi White

Johnny White

Jacob Connelly

Sue & Denis Rowe

Crystal Perry

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Terry Gehman

Brent Stever

Alan & family

Dori Hoch

Cindy Stahl

Grant Hummer

Martha Becker

Chris and Karen Payonk

Alysha Fassnacht

John Surdich

Ava Berkosky

Amy Pasili

Theresa Cimino

Kim Burke

Eric Mortorell