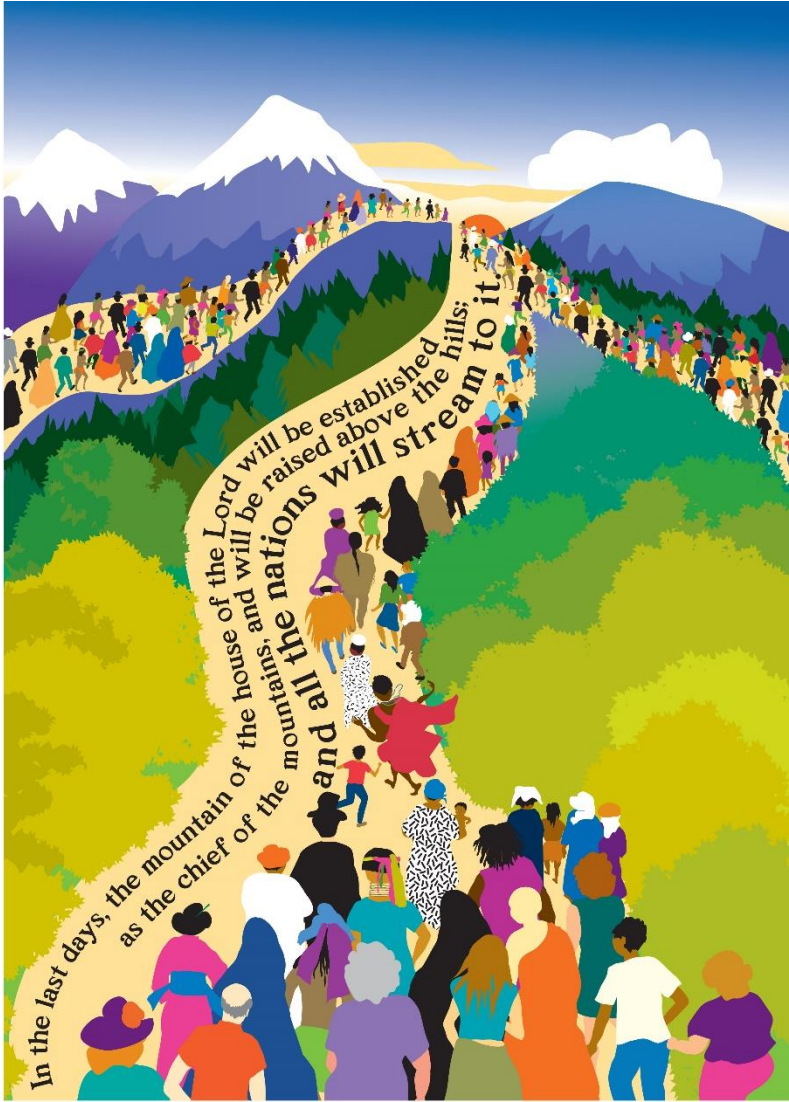


FEBRUARY 4, 2024

9:00 A.M.

THE SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY



## TODAY'S MINISTERS

### *Celebrant*

The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Millard, Rector

### *Preacher*

The Rev. Lauren Scharf, Liturgical Assistant

### *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Kevin Antlitz, Assistant Rector

### *Additional Bread Bearer*

The Rev. Wes Williams, Curate

### *Lay Ministry Volunteers*

Names may be found inside the back cover.

### *Cover art*

by Bonnie Liefer

### *Attention Parents*

Room 105 is available for nursing mothers.

Our nursery is available 15 mins prior to the service for infants – 3 yrs

(Rooms 101 & 102). Parents who would like them to receive

Communion are invited to pick them up at the Peace.

After the Children's Talk, children 4 yrs – 5th grade may process to our

Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel (Hunt Rooms).

They will be brought back after the Peace.

# THE ORDER FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## THE PRELUDE *Sung by the Music Team*

“All the Poor and Powerless” by David Leonard and Leslie Jordan

1) All the poor and powerless  
and all the lost and lonely  
and all the thieves will come confess,  
and know that you are holy;  
and know that you are holy.

*Refrain*            And all will sing out hallelujah!  
                          And we will cry out hallelujah!

2) All the hearts who are content  
and all who feel unworthy,  
and all who hurt with nothin’ left  
will know that You are holy. *Refrain*

*Bridge*            Shout it,  
                          go on and scream it from the mountains,  
                          go on and tell it to the masses  
                          that he is God.

*Refrain 2*        And we will sing out hallelujah!  
                          And we will cry out hallelujah!

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## THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*        I will make you as a light for the nations,  
*People*            **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**  
                          *Isaiah 49:6*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*The Celebrant prays*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## THE TRISAGION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
<i>People</i>	<b>Have mercy upon us.</b>

## SONGS OF WORSHIP

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Blue Hymnal #362*

1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

2) Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

3) Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”      Words: Robert Robinson, alt.  
Tune: *Nettleton*

1) Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above!  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither, by thy help I'm come,  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee!  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love!  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above!

## THE CHILDREN'S TALK

The Rev. Lauren Scharf

*Children through 5th grade are invited to come forward.  
Afterwards, parents may bring infants – age 3 to the nursery  
(Rooms 101 and 102). Children age 4 - 5th grade are invited to  
process to our Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel  
(Hunt Rooms). They will be brought back during the Peace.*

*The People stand and sing as the Children process.*

“Send Out Your Light”

by Elise Massa  
*Based on Psalm 43:3*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me;  
bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling,  
that I may gaze upon the face of God.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-3

12 <sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:8-13

<sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  
nor are there any deeds like yours.

<sup>9</sup> All nations that you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, \*  
and shall glorify your Name.

<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things; \*  
indeed, you are God alone.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; \*  
O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.

<sup>12</sup> I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
and will praise your Name for evermore.

<sup>13</sup> For great is your mercy toward me; \*  
you have delivered my life from the nethermost Pit.

*The People are seated.*

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>7</sup> <sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will

guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain standing.*

THE GOSPEL  
Matthew 28:16-20

*Assistant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                         according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

28 <sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*Assistant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON  
The Rev. Lauren Scharf

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*        Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*  
**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition*

*Intercessor*      Lord, in your mercy

*People*              **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*Assistant* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*A brief silence will be kept.*

*Assistant and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Parents who would like their infant - 3 year olds to receive Communion  
are invited to pick them up at this time.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant says a sentence of Scripture.*

*Please stand and join in singing as the offering plates are passed and the Table is prepared.*

### OFFERTORY SONG

“Let Us Be Known by Our Love”

*Music Supplement p. 38*

1) Let us be known by our love;  
in every word, in every deed, honor the Son.  
Let our light shine in every eye; let us be known by our love.

*Refrain*            For the glory of the Father, for the glory of the Son,  
for the glory of the Spirit, let us be known by our love.

2) Let us be known by our joy;  
in every home, in every heart, sing to the Lord.  
Let our life show goodness and hope; let us be known by our joy. *Refrain*

3) Let us be known by our peace;  
in every town, in every tribe, Jesus is King.  
Let us go forth, heal and restore; let us be known by our peace. *Refrain*

*The People sing while the offerings are brought forward.*

### DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*            **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

*All sing together*

*El Shaddai setting*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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!

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## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People may kneel or remain standing.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."



## THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,  
once for all upon the cross.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Celebrant gives this invitation*

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### THE AGNUS DEI

*All sing together*

*Hope setting*

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 your peace.

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*The People are seated.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Inform the Bread Bearer if you need a gluten-free wafer.*

*Please cup your hands so that the Bread Bearer may place a wine-dipped wafer into your hands.*

*If for any reason you are not receiving today, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the Minister will know to give you a blessing instead of the bread and wine.*

COMMUNION SONGS

“Trinity Song”

by Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Holy Communion, Three in One:  
*Repeat*

Come with your peace, with your invitation.  
Bind us together in holy love.  
*Repeat*

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“Come, O Spirit (*Ven Espiritu*)”

*Music Supplement p. 7*

In your surrender, you gave us life;  
we are accepted through your sacrifice.  
And now in your presence we are able to stand;  
and as we surrender, we lift up your name.

Come, O Spirit, come and fill us up;  
give us your voice to speak of your love.  
Let your light shine through on us, O Lord,  
and send us forth all over the world.

“Consecrate Us”

*Music Supplement p. 10*

Text: Elise Massa and Stacey Regan

1) Lord, you lavish us with blessing; every season, you provide.  
Help us serve as faithful stewards; Holy Spirit, be our guide.  
Give us wisdom, give us courage, heart and mind in one accord;  
consecrate us as your wineskin as in us new wine is poured.

2) O the stories of the faithful praying for new life to come!  
Children now run through our hallways; generations formed in love.  
Show us how to bless our neighbor, reaching forth our hands in grace;  
consecrate us as your Body, serving Christ in every place.

3) Grant us fervor for your gospel until all the earth proclaims:  
“Christ has died, and Christ is risen! Christ our Lord will come again!”  
As our souls ignite in worship and your Name is lifted high,  
consecrate us as your beacon of the way, the truth, the life!

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The People may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Heavenly Father,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus  
Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now Father,**

**send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives this blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Assistant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**







## TODAY'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Reader	Jen Hemphill Davita Stout
Intercessor	Mari Stout
Chalice Bearers	Kate Fisher, Mari Stout Jen Hemphill & Brian Janaszek
Altar Prayer	Amy Foster, Tyler Marwood Lynn & John Schrott
Sound Tech	Lola Alcorn-Burckhardt
Ushers	The Perry Family Laura Coyt Zavala, Chris Rudzki
Welcome Table	Mary & Dick Corbett
Sacristy Team	Laura Irvine Team
Music Team	The Rev. Josh Bennett, Scott Bowles Benn Carlucci, Sarah Gilmer, Kristen Parise

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Reader	Josh Miser
Intercessor	Jen Newhouse
Chalice Bearers	Katie & Kurt Grossman Gary Holt, Jonny Cagwin
Altar Prayer	The Rev. Jess Bennett, Harry Ealey Jen Newhouse, Josh Miser
Sound Tech	John Dellape
Ushers	The Halfhill Family Jennie Mangiapane
Welcome Table	Nancy Foster
Sacristy Team	Amy Holcombe Laura Irvine Team

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