

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 22, at 11:00 AM
Sanctity of Human Life

Music Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

R In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

R I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

C All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

R For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

C All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one
who could not keep himself alive.

R Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

C they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn, that he has done it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

R I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

"Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that, You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all Days, oh so highly exalted.
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. Chorus.

**Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin, upon that cross.** *Repeat bridge, then Chorus.*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

“Cares Chorus”

**I cast all my cares upon You,
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet;
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.
I cast all my cares upon You,**

**I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet;
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.
I will cast all my cares upon You.**

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(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities
and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

C Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN 412 THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT

- 1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.
- 5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.
- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

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SERMON: *Jesus Shines Light on Those Who Sit in Darkness*, Isaiah 9:1-2

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3))

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C **And also with you.** *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying: *(prayer by pastor)*.

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (*Isaiah 6:3*)
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (*John 1:29*)

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION are said by the pastor. (*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, (*John 1:29*)
C Have mercy on us.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*John 20:19*)
C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You.
We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to You, we give to You,
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You.
We are an offering, we are an offering.

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"I See the Lord"

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted.
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory.
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.
Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord. *Repeat.*

Ending: Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord of lords.

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“He Is Able”

**He is able, more than able
To accomplish what concerns me today.
He is able, more than able
To handle anything that comes my way.
He is able, more than able
To do much more than I could ever dream.
He is able, more than able
To make me what He wants me to be.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

“No Other Name”

Chorus:

**No other name but the name of Jesus,
No other name but the name of the Lord;
No other name but the name of Jesus is worthy of glory,
And worthy of honor, and worthy of power and all praise.**

Repeat.

**His name is exalted far above the earth,
His name is high above the heavens;
His name is exalted far above the earth,
Give glory and honor and praises to His name.**

Sing Chorus.

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**GO IN PEACE
AND SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS.**