

# **Fourth Sunday in Epiphany**

## **Sunday, January 29, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.**



## **Welcome!**

### **To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?  
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special  
gift for visiting with us today!

## Christ Be Magnified

Were creation suddenly articulate  
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry  
Then from north to south and east to west  
We'd hear, "Christ be magnified!"

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence  
His name would burst from sea and sky  
From rivers to the mountain tops  
We'd hear, "Christ be magnified!"

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody  
And ev'ry human heart its native cry  
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise  
We'll sing, "Christ be magnified!"  
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From the altar of my life  
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I won't bow to idols  
I'll stand strong and worship You  
And if it puts me in the fire  
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too

I won't be formed by feelings  
I hold fast to what is true  
If the cross brings transformation  
Then I'll be crucified with You

'Cause death is just the doorway  
Into resurrection life  
If I join You in Your sufferings  
Then I'll join You when You rise

And when You return in glory  
With all the angels and the saints  
My heart will still be singing  
My song will be the same

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## **Call to Worship**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

P God, we want to live with You in Your place of holiness.

**C Help us to walk without blame and do what is right. Help us to speak what is true and do what is good in Your sight.**

P Let us be known as those who care for every relationship.

**C Help us to use Your blessings wisely. Help us to be Your people who are filled with integrity.**

P God, from whom all blessings flow, we are Your people who gather here to worship You. Your blessing is rooted in eternity and will last forever. We are confident that, as we confess our sin, You hear our prayer and forgive our sin.

**C We confess that we, by our nature, are caught in the grip of sin and cannot free ourselves. We are not content to be those who are poor in spirit or meek. We do not hunger and thirst after righteousness. We cannot be merciful or pure in heart. We find peacemaking too difficult. We run from the pain of sorrow or persecution. Forgive us.**

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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have told us what pleases You and how we should live. Help us to do justice and love kindness in response to Jesus' life of perfect obedience and sacrificial death on our behalf; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **Come, Thou Fount, Come, Thou King**

Come , Thou Fount of ev'ry 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, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;  
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace.  
Hear Your Bride, to You we sing;  
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

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O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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## **The Reading**

## ***Matthew 5:1–12***

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Blest Are They**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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**Sermon**

**Blessed Beyond Belief**

***Matthew 5:1-12***

**Offering**

## **Prayer of Blessing**

**P** Heavenly Father, You are the source of every blessing and these gifts that we bring come from what You have first given to us. May these gifts be used to be a blessing to others, that Your love and mercy would be experienced throughout the world. May Your kingdom come among us as we seek to build a new and different world in Jesus' name.  
**C Amen!**

## **Prayers of The Church**

We pray for the Church around the world. Grant, Lord Christ, that the Word You have revealed to us may not be bound, but have free course and be preached among us to strengthen our faith and be proclaimed freely to those who do not yet confess You as Lord and Savior. Protect and defend all whom You have called to witness Your power, might, grace, and mercy, so that the Church may grow in faithful maturity. .

Increase, enliven, and sustain the love we have for one another as members of the Body of Christ. Move us to put each other's needs above our own, so that in all earnestness we may care for the weak, the lonely, and the overlooked with the compassion of Christ. Grant that all who work together to proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments in this place may do so with joyful conviction.

Almighty God, whose Word orders all things, so direct and guide those who make, administer, and judge our laws that we may live in peace and harmony. Raise up people of integrity and compassion in all nations so that justice may reign within their borders and peace across their boundaries. Sustain and defend all who protect us at home and abroad as they go in harm's way.

We pray for those near and dear to us who call out to God in their various needs [including...] According to Your gracious plans for them, Lord Jesus, remove far from them their sickness and distress; refresh them in times with joy and thanksgiving for Your grace and mercy.

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake our Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## **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**

## **Words of Institution**

## **On The Night**

On the night He was betrayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,  
“Take eat, my friends, this broken bread, this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love, remember me and my love for you again.”

On the night He was betrayed, He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,  
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine, this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love, remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank you Lord, for the bread and wine outpoured.  
For it is your body and your blood that you so lovingly and freely give to us. So we  
praise you holy Lamb of God; we love you our sweet Jesus.  
We love you our sweet Jesus. We love you our sweet Jesus.**

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## **Distribution**

### **10,000 Reasons**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending.  
Ten thousand years, and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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## **The Dismissal**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of sins forgiven in this Sacrament. Grant us to know Your accompanying presence as we leave, so that, strong in faith, our thoughts, words, and deeds will reflect Your great love and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

**P** Go as God's blessed and forgiven people! Go and be a blessing to everyone you encounter. Go and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, live as Christ would have us live in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **We Are Called**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.  
We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more.  
We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love.  
We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.

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