



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

Confession and Forgiveness

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Congregation: Amen.***

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. (silence for reflection)

*L: Holy One, source of our renewal, **C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.***

Sharing the Peace

Gathering Song – They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain.*
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Refrain.*
4. All praise to the Father from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain.*

*Prayer of the Day — **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Scripture Readings by Cheryl Park

Isaiah 9:1-4 p. 555

But there will be no gloom for those who were 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 will make glorious

the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 p. 437

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 p. 926

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been 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 can 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 proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 4:12-23 p. 785

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked 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 fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John,

in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message and Sermon

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Song of the Day – Your Grace is Enough

1. Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

Refrain: So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.

2. Great is Your love and justice God; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. *Refrain x2*

Final: Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me.

Apostle's 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.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

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Offering Song – New Wine

1. In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender. You are breaking new ground
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

Refrain: Make me Your vessel, make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be

I came here with nothing but all You have given me
Jesus, bring new wine out of me

2. In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender. You are breaking new ground
You are breaking new ground. *Refrain.*

Bridge: 'Cause where there is new wine there is new power
There is new freedom and the Kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

Repeat Bridge and Refrain.

Ending: Jesus, bring new wine out of me, Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Offering Prayer – Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

L: Come and taste the joy of God!

Post Communion Prayer

L: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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.

Announcements

- Evening Bible Study changed to Jan. 30th
- Coming up: Book Club Feb. 6pm; Agape Dinner Feb. 10th – this is one of Helping Alaska's major fundraisers

Sending Song – This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the pow'r of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Refrain: This is amazing grace, this is unending love.
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

2. Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. *Refrain x2.*

End: Worthy is the lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave. *(x4 then refrain)*

Blessing

L: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus. C: Thanks be to God.

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