

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Last Sunday After the Epiphany *February 15, 2026 – **LARGE-PRINT EDITION***

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another*

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The word “Epiphany” as defined in the dictionary has two meanings. When the word is capitalized, it refers to God being revealed to the world in the person of Jesus. In lowercase, the term applies to any display of a deity. We typically use the word today to describe any insightful or dramatic moment that instills new spiritual insight, vision, or perspective into our lives. An epiphany is not something to be hidden; rather, it is something to be shared. God was revealed to the world in Bethlehem in the form of a newborn baby. The news of the Epiphany was shared with the shepherds in Luke’s Gospel, while in Matthew’s Gospel, the news is shared with the Magi. These Gentiles wanted to see for themselves how God chose to come into the world, and we are invited to do the same. The season of Epiphany starts on January 6 and ends the day before Ash Wednesday. The liturgical color is **green**.

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OPENING HYMN: When Morning Gilds The Sky

Please stand as you are able

1. When morn - ing gilds the sky, Let hearts a -
2. To God the Word, on high The hosts of
3. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss The love - liest
4. Then let us join to sing To Christ, our

wak - ing cry: May Je - sus Christ be praised! In
an - gels cry: May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
strain is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
lov - ing King: May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

work and prayer re - joice To sing with grate - ful
mor - tals, too, em - ploy Their hymns of end - less
earth and sea and sky, From depth to height, re -
this the e - ter - nal song Through all the a - ges

voice: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
joy: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

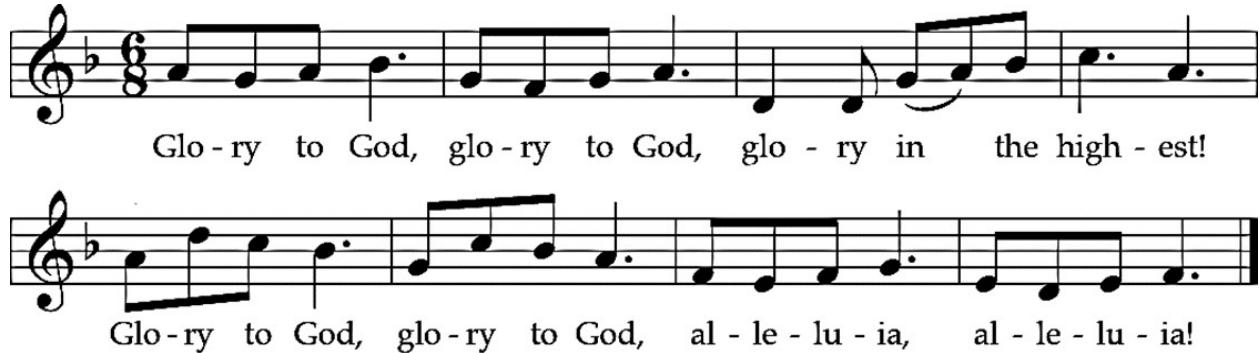
Celebrant continues:

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.

GLORIA: Glory To God



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

This Week's Readers: Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith

Ash Wednesday: Selia Tuten (12 PM) & Tom Stotz (7 PM)

Next Week's Readers: Scot Lau & Lydia Reed

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 2 – *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

*Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the **

¹Why are the nations in an uproar?*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,*
against the Lord and against his Anointed?

³"Let us break their yoke," they say;*
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;*
the Lord has them in derision.

⁵Then he speaks to them in his wrath,*
and his rage fills them with terror.

⁶"I myself have set my king*
upon my holy hill of Zion."

⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord:*

**he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.**

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance*
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod*
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise;*
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the Lord with fear,*
and with trembling bow before him;

¹²Lest he be angry and you perish;*
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

¹³Happy are they all*
who take refuge in him!

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

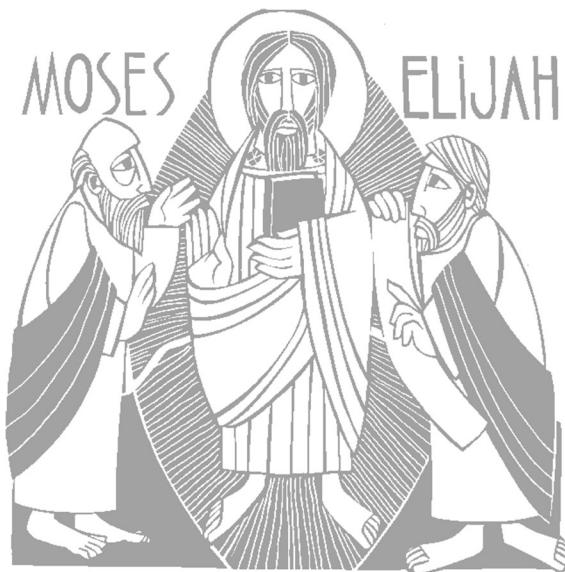
Reader A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

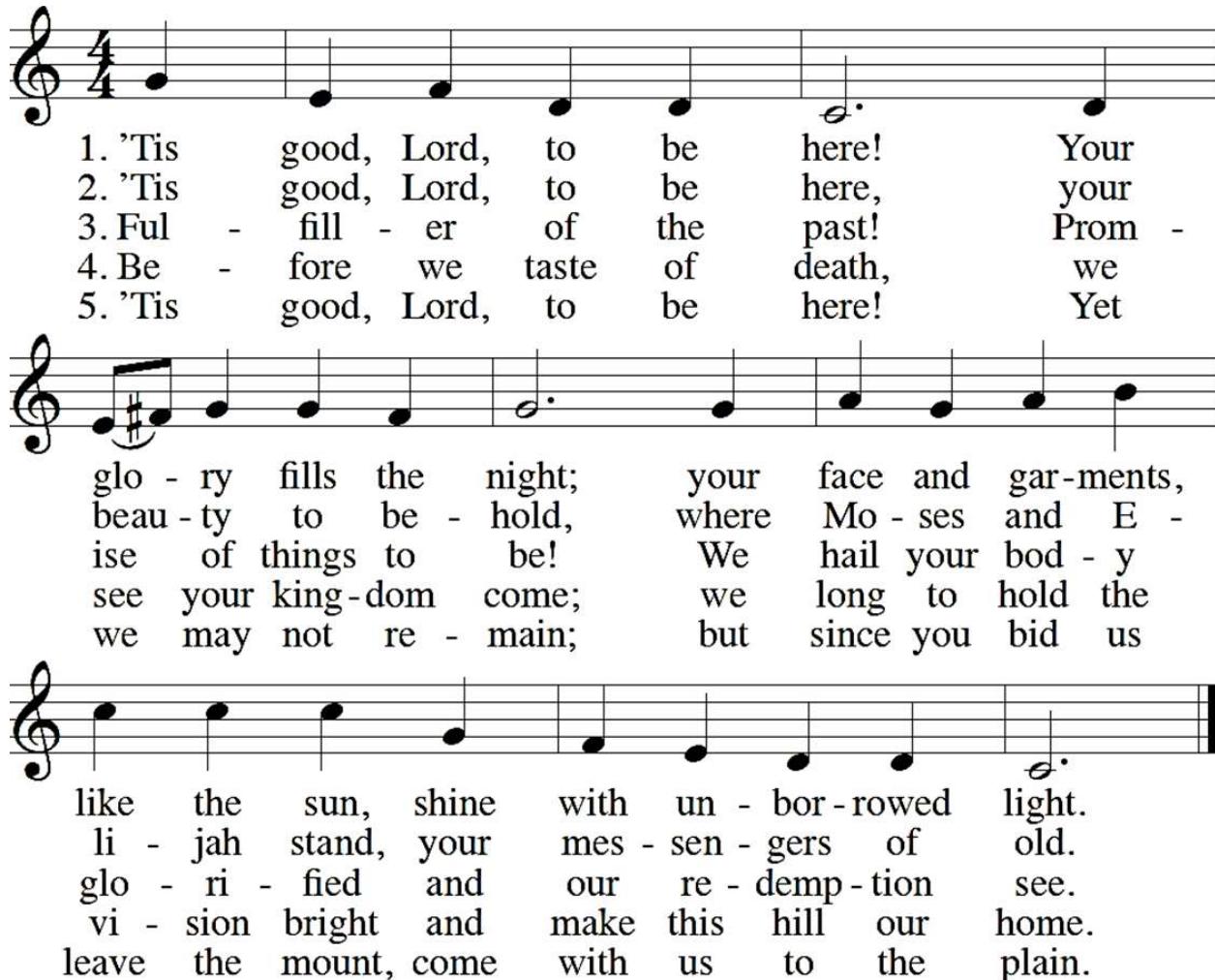
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL HYMN: 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here!

Please stand as you are able



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, your
3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -
4. Be - fore we taste of death, we
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; your face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold, where Mo - ses and E -
ise of things to be! We hail your bod - y
see your king - dom come; we long to hold the
we may not re - main; but since you bid us

like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and

his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik
Please be seated

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able

This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to 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, and 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 give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In peace we pray to you, O God.

You nourish our hearts and souls. You harmonize our grief and gladness. You make melody from the fragments of chaos. You align our spirit with creation. You calm us and delight us and set us free to love and forgive.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Grant our senators and representatives, whom we entrust to make our laws, the courage and foresight to take action, making bold decisions to safeguard our Constitution and to provide for the needs of all our people.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Let us pray for our nation in a time of crisis, and continue to keep in our prayers the families of Silverio Villegas González, Renee Good, and Alex Pretti, slain by ICE.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Grant us for the love of you to make no peace with oppression, to fear no adversity, and to have no tolerance for those who would use their power to abuse or exploit.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Guide the people of this land to use its wealth so that all may find fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Be with those who are disheartened. Bless them with courage, and let it be as a spark to their flagging spirits.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Let us sense your loving presence in our moments of bewilderment, our days of trial, and our nights of worry.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Be with all the suffering and refugees around the world, especially those who are impacted by wars: May you bring peace and healing in Ukraine, Gaza, the West Bank, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader Let us love in such a way that when we die, our love will survive and continue to grow.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader We pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor. In your great kindness, answer us with your constant help.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially for those on our prayer list. Are there others? That they may receive your healing touch.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

Leader For the children in our lives and in our world: Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good.

People **Lord, hear us, and feed us through your grace.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout the world. Tear down the walls that divide us and make us one through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

THE PEACE

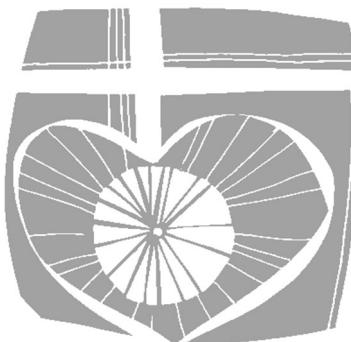
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated



OFFERTORY HYMN: Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise



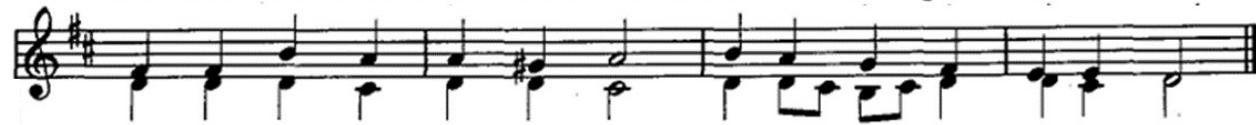
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

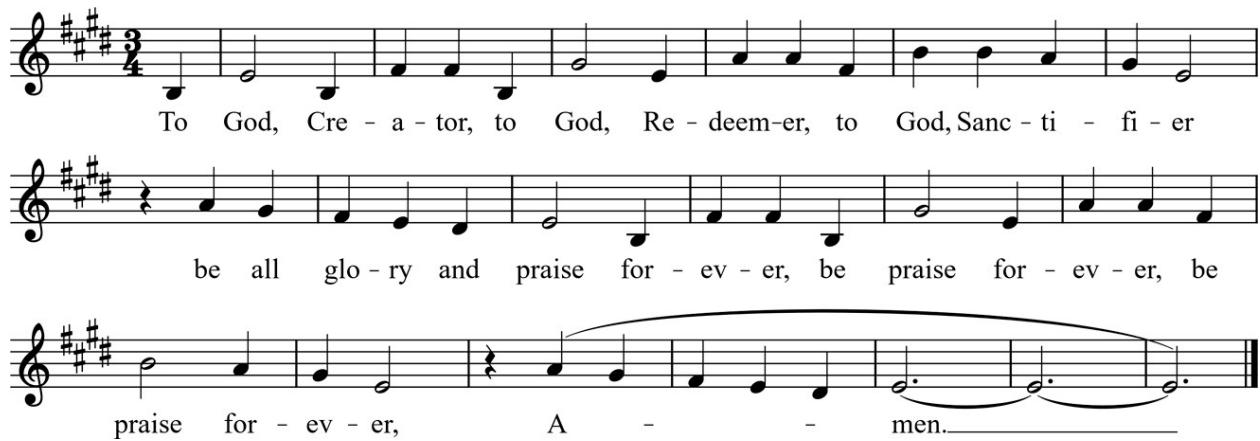


branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - themes be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - themes be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - themes be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

DOXOLOGY: To God, Creator *Please stand as you are able*



The musical notation is in 3/4 time, treble clef, and A major (three sharps). The lyrics are: "To God, Cre - a - tor, to God, Re - deem - er, to God, Sanc - ti - fi - er" on the first line. The second line continues with "be all glo - ry and praise for - ev - er, be praise for - ev - er, be". The third line concludes with "praise for - ev - er, A - - - men." with a long horizontal line under the final word "men". The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

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

Celebrant continues:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the beneficiaries of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, God, for we have strayed from your Love.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts!

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Bless-ed is the One who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Celebrant continues:

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our fathers and mothers, God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Rachel and Rebecca, Joseph, Moses, Miriam and Deborah, and God of Jesus: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus the Anointed One, our great High Priest, to whom, with

you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is 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.

FRACTION: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered



Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is
poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je-sus Christ is
Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,
here where the great-est are least, come find a love be-yond
meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Please be seated

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: Holy Table, Holy Bread

1. Ho - ly Ta - ble, Ho - ly Bread, Bless - ed
2. Here in this most sa - cred meal, Je - sus'
3. Lord, in this great sac - ra - ment, we de -
4. Bless - ed is your ho - ly word, urg - ing

1. Cup of sa - cred wine. At your ta - ble
2. Bod - y we re - ceive. Christ, your pres - ence
3. clare our faith in you. We re - mem - ber your
4. us to love and care. We have lis - tened,

1. we are fed, Je - sus Christ, our Lord di - vine.
2. here is real; we give thanks and we be - lieve.
3. cov - e - nant: love e - ter - nal, ev - er new.
4. we have heard; as we go, good news we'll share.

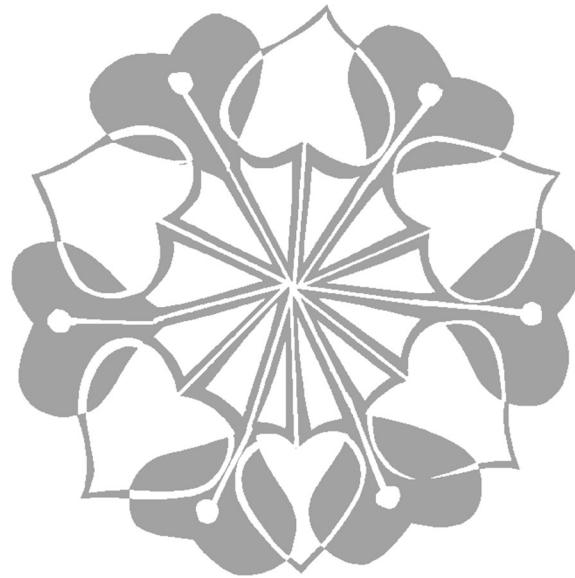
Come to us, Lord Je - sus. Come to us, we pray.
Come and live with - in our hearts, O Je - sus, come and stay.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

Celebrant and People say together:

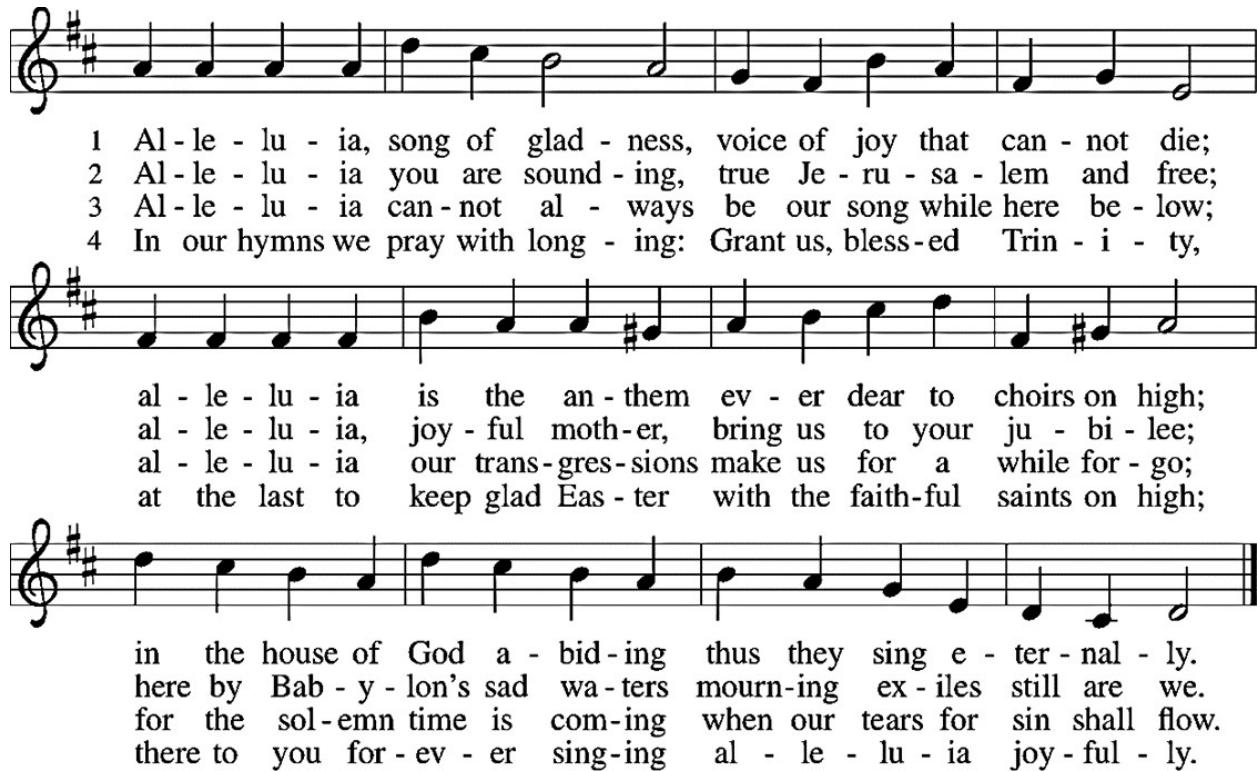
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



BLESSING

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may God bless us and keep us; and may God's face shine upon us this day and forevermore. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: Alleluia, Song Of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - ilies still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

A Rite for the Burning of Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant continues:

Beloved in Christ, while these palms grew on their trees, they drew life from the earth and gave it back to our air and they provided shelter for animals and shade for humans. Last year on Palm Sunday, they helped us offer worship to God and then adorned our homes as a reminder of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Now, as these palms are reduced to ashes for us to use as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, we pray they will serve as a sign of our mortality and our desire to change

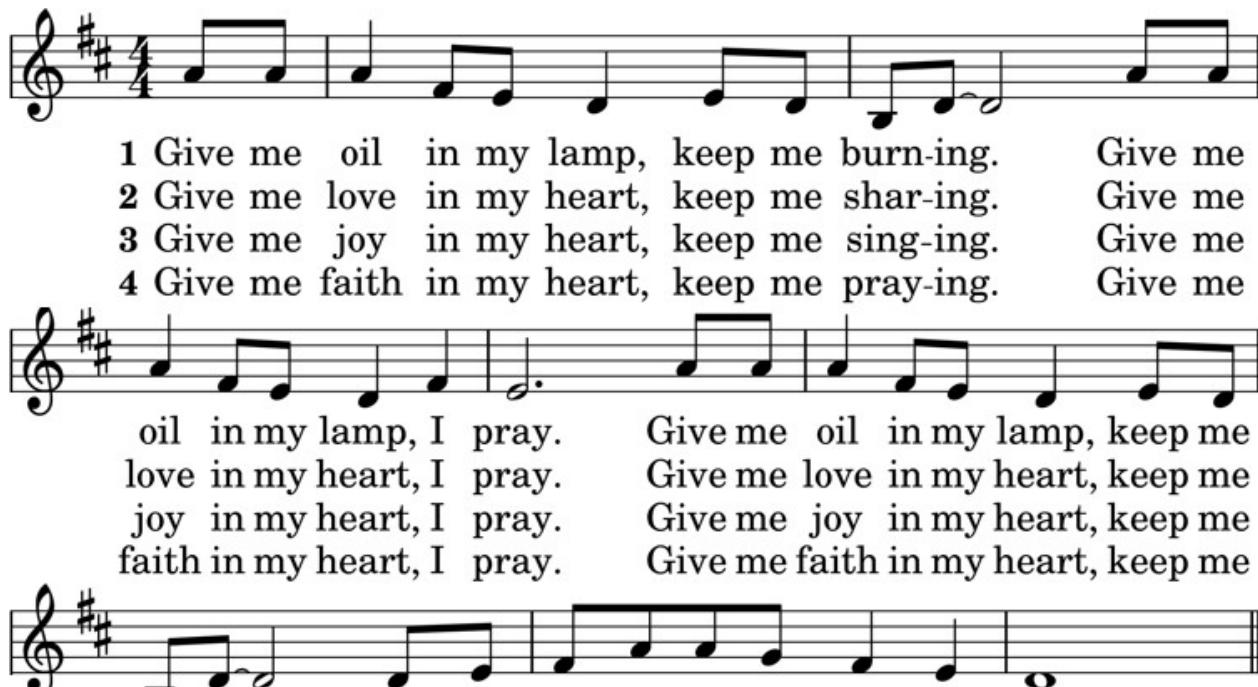
our lives as we follow Jesus through Lent. May we recognize God's love at work in us throughout this season as we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We ask all this in God's holy name. **AMEN.**

Lighting of the Fire

Celebrant continues:

Merciful God, you called us from the dust of the earth, and claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we prepare for the forty days of Lent by burning these palms to create the ashes that will mark us as penitents. Bless us through our Lenten journey to the waters of new birth at Easter. May our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms a way of making peace; our prayer, the song of humble and thankful hearts. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

HYMN FOR THE BURNING OF THE PALMS: Keep Me Burning



1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me
2 Give me love in my heart, keep me shar-ing. Give me
3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing-ing. Give me
4 Give me faith in my heart, keep me pray-ing. Give me

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me
love in my heart, I pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me
joy in my heart, I pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me
faith in my heart, I pray. Give me faith in my heart, keep me

burn-ing. Keep me burn-ing till the break of day.
shar-ing. Keep me shar-ing till the break of day.
sing-ing. Keep me sing-ing till the break of day.
pray-ing. Keep me pray-ing till the break of day.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Donna Hanes; Jasmine Gardner; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Pat Greenwood; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Louise Lambert; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Lucy Smith and family; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Vickie Rose; Kristi Frangedakis; the family of Carolyn Siewert; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Bill Atkinson; the family of Tom Krell; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Tom Burns; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Marilee Racine; Michael Oakley.

Do you know someone who can use our prayers?

Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please send all bulletin submissions to
bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

The first part of our Lenten Study Series is watching and discussing Season 5 of "The Chosen." We're watching the eight episodes on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM** in the Guild Room. This season focuses on the triumphal Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem and goes through all of the Holy Week events.

The second component focuses on a discussion of white Christian nationalism which will begin **today at noon** and continue each Sunday at this same time through Palm Sunday. We'll watch a video documentary the first week and explore readings from *The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism* by Carter Heyward. Participate in one or both activities for lively discussion as we prepare for Easter.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Please join us this **Tuesday, February 17** when our vestry will be preparing and serving a pancake supper for our members from **5 to 6:30 PM**. You may come anytime during this period, and you're welcome to stay afterwards to watch Season 5, Episode 2 of "The Chosen."

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be at **6 PM on March 12** at Grace Church. The book to be discussed is *The Feather Detective* by Chris Sweeney. We look forward to meeting newcomers as well as regular members for a fun evening. Call Ann Strevel with any questions or concerns.

For the People of Yemen Facing Hunger

God who hears the **cry of the hungry**, whose Son Jesus always sided with the destitute and entered fully into **human suffering through his incarnation**, we lift up those who are at risk of **starvation in Yemen** and whom the international community have failed. **We pray** for an end to this food shortage and the injustice that sustains it, that all Yemenis, upheld by your providence, might be granted a **sustainable future**. God, you have called us to share our food with the hungry. **Empower your people**, by your Spirit, to loose the bonds of injustice. **We pray** for the nutritional services, the health facilities, and the authorities with the **power to help** in the region. **Take away barriers** to delivering aid and protect all those who labor to keep people fed. Let each of us follow **the example of your Son**, our Savior, and feed the hungry crowds, for the sake of his most precious name. Amen.

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