

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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(Silence please for prayer and meditation)

PRELUDE

Resurrection Brass

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

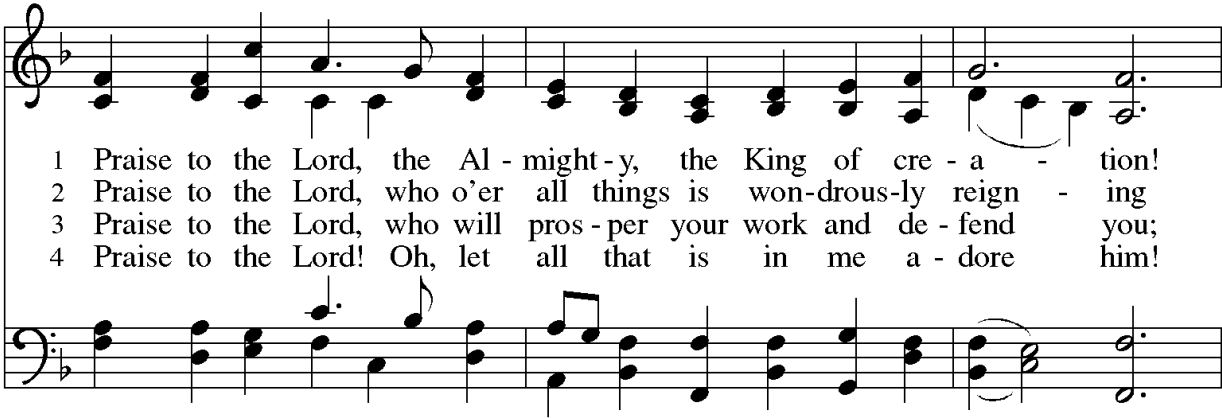
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Loving God,

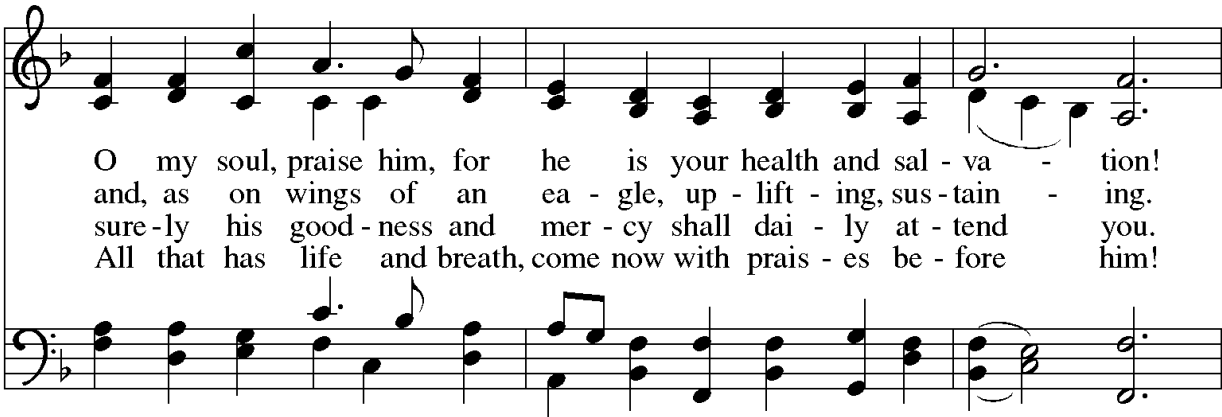
C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

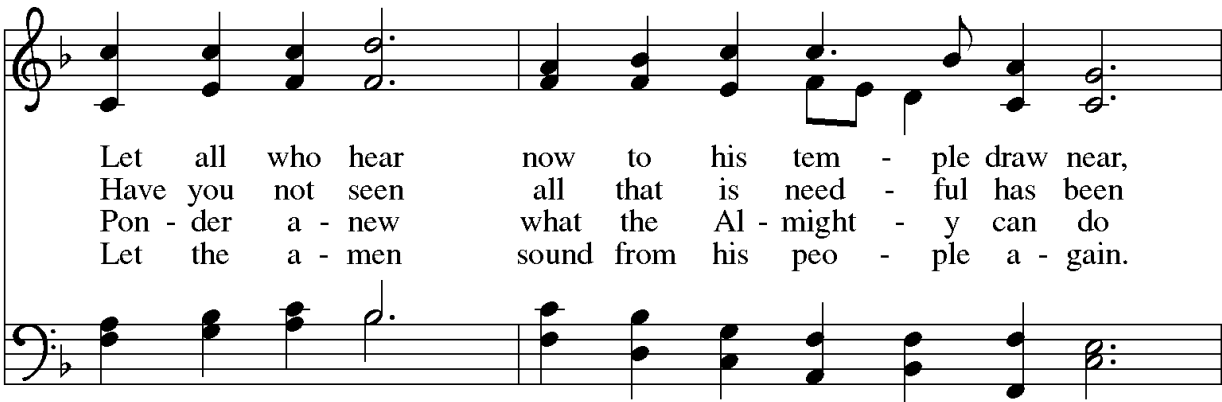
C Amen.



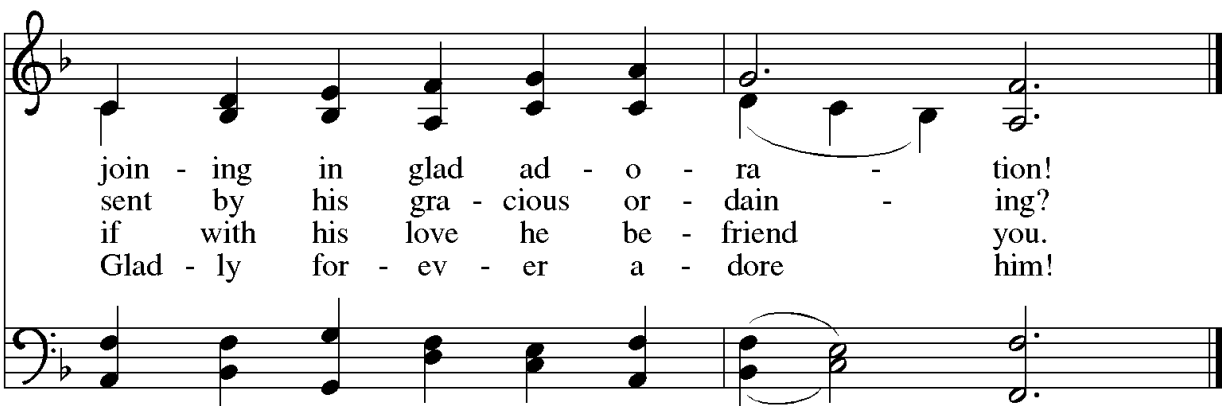
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

THE GATHERING

Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

KYRIE



▣ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ▣ 1. For the
▣ 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord:

▣ Help, save, and de -



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: ▣ A - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



C Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



earth.

earth.

earth.

Verse 1



I Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Everlasting God,

C you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(Please be seated)

SHARED MINISTRY REMINDERS

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:21-31

A A reading from Isaiah

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
Chancel Choir w/Betty Fleming, Trumpet

Arr. Mark Hayes

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

A Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

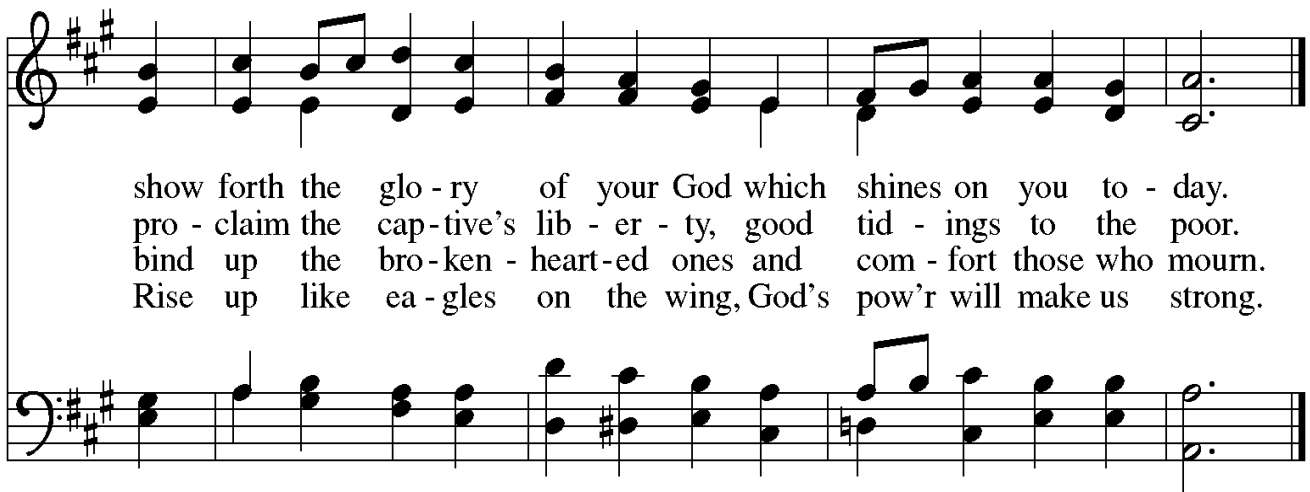
HYMN OF THE DAY

Arise, Your Light Has Come

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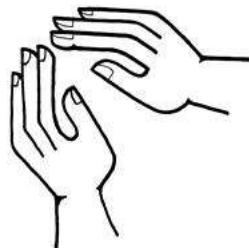


1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' 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 INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with *"Let us pray"*, the congregation responds, *"have mercy, O God"*)

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

GIFTS OF OFFERING

"My Spirit Be Joyful"
Resurrection Brass

JS Bach/Herforth

(Please sign the red welcome roster and pass it on as a ritual of friendship. Then pass it back noting the names of those you're worshiping with today.)

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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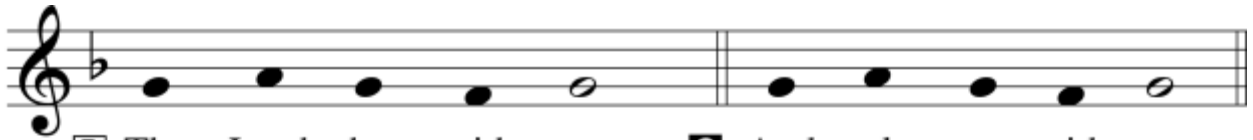
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



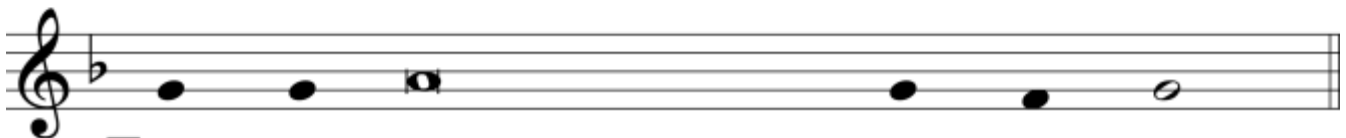
P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who was given to the universe as a gift of grace and who calls us to lives of faith, always serving, always loving, constantly reforming. And so, with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy



C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,

God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his welcome to outcasts and his eating with sinners, his own hunger and thirst, his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died.



Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

- P Holy God, holy and merciful, receive our prayers and praise as Jesus received the cries of the poor, and renew us by your Spirit, until your mercy mends all that sin has torn and we feast forever in the company of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - men!

- P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
(Abba is an intimate word used by Jesus to address his Father – as we might say, Daddy)

LORD'S PRAYER

- C **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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.



Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek not the food | that will pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love as the one | who, in love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one | who now dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink of this cup | and de - clare his death; | eat this |

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|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| thanks, hun - gry ones, | gath - er round. | Eat, all of you, and be |
| hearts on the food | that en - dures. | Come, learn the true and the |
| self for the life | of the world. | Come to the one who is |
| home in the life - giv - ing | Word. | Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly |
| bread and be - lieve | Eas - ter morn; | trust his re - turn and, with |

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|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| sat - is - fied; | in Christ's pres - ence | the loaves will a - bound. |
| liv - ing way, | that the full - ness | of life may be yours. |
| food for you, | that your hun - ger | and thirst be no more. |
| One of God, | and be - lieve | in the truth you have heard. |
| ev - 'ry breath, | praise the one | in whom you are re - born. |

Refrain

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 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Verse 3 only)



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple food of
2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for
3. Send us now with faith and cour - age to the



an - gels, heav - en's bread. For these gifts we did not
hun - ger, wine of peace. Ho - ly word and Ho - ly
hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. In our liv - ing and our



la - bor; by your grace have we been fed.
wis - dom, sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
dy - ing we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blest and bro - ken, Cup o'er -



flow - ing, life out - poured, giv - en as a liv - ing



to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,

C you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen





1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Jericho”
 Resurrection Brass

American Spiritual/Everson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Ministers: Jim Van Soest/Warren Schwegel

Lectors: Tarek Kahn/Tanda Ainsworth

Greeters: Ed & Linda Babcock/Le & Marg Viksten

Altar Flowers: Annelise Graf, Marilyn Rakow

Communion: Jim & Linda Van Soest, Darlene Reber/Warren & Nancy Schwegel, Anne Merino

Ushers: Ed & Linda Babcock, Skip Donelson/Gene Lakey, Jim Arbaugh

Altar Guild: Judy Des Jardin, Lorraine Wells

Refreshments: Billeci/Smith/Bost

The altar flowers are given in gift today by Doug & Joan MacAdams in loving memory of Don Forest, Bob Grasmuck and A.E. "Mac" MacAdams.

Helping Hands for February:

During the month of February we will collect non-perishable foods to support three local food banks – **Placer Food Bank, Orangevale Food Bank and the Sunrise Christian Food Closet**. These food banks provide food to single mothers, families, and seniors who are in need. These people all appreciate having someone assist them when they are hungry and down on their luck. All non-perishable foods are needed, especially *canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, canned chili, canned meals, boxed cereals, and canned meats such as tuna or chicken*. **It's as simple as picking up a labeled grocery bag in the Narthex or Faith Center**, filling it up, and bringing the bag back! Help us fill those shelves!

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NOTES ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31 - The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 - God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

Mark 1:29-39 - Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

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Readings for next Sunday, February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

We invite you to read these texts as you prepare for next Sunday's worship.

2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Presentation of Our Lord

Friday, February 2, 2018

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865

Saturday, February 3, 2018

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

Monday, February 5, 2018

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.