



February 2, 2025

Holy Communion on the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

(*) *The congregation is invited to stand*
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

Prelude

All Is Well Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick; Arr. Lloyd Larson

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Mystery, Loving One,

God beyond our imagining,

you create us;

you include us; you love us.

Christ, living body of the love of God,

you heal us; you unite us;

you give us to one another.

Holy Spirit,

breath that breathes in us all,

and makes us one,

you break every division among us;

you bring us home to each other.

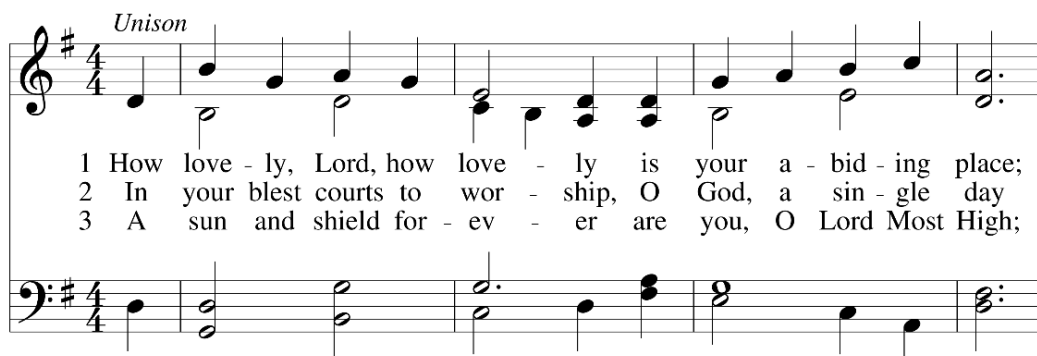
We thank you.

We worship you.

We open our hearts to you.

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely 545


Unison



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

WORDS: Arlo D. Duba (1929-); para. Psalm 84
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess those times
when we have been
impatient, unkind, arrogant or rude.
We confess the times
we have been irritable
or resentful or have insisted on our own way.
Our love is imperfect.
Forgive our sin,
heal our hearts,
and renew in us your perfect love.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By the grace we know in Christ Jesus,
God forgives all your sin entirely,
and sets us free to love deeply,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson:

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

*(Pg. 934) ***

ANTHEM

The Legacy of Christ

Bev Easterling/R. J. Powell

The legacy of Christ is Faith that reaches past despair
and finds the strength to grow and praise,
with Christ our burdens share.

The legacy of Christ is Hope,
for all the heart can dream.

It lifts us to our better self
to where Christ's glories stream.

The legacy of Christ is Love,
that shines for all to see.

Within true hearts,
Christ's spirit dwells,
Love spent eternally.

The legacy of Christ is yours
when you invite Him in,
to be your soul's most honored guest,
and live in grace with Him.

Faith, Hope and Love are ours,
but the greatest of these is Love.

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Open Our Minds, O God

1 O - pen our minds, O God, that we may seek your truth
2 O - pen our hearts, O God, that we may know your love
3 O - pen our hands, O God, that we may be con - tent

and fol - low with - out fear where learn - ing leads us.
but nev - er hope to hoard it as a trea - sure.
to grasp the tasks you dai - ly set be - fore us.

Let know-ledge strength-en faith, wheth-er in age or youth,
Teach us how love spares not, spends o - ver and a - bove;
Give us the faith to dare, to spend, and to be spent,

and wis - dom com - pre - hend that grace pre - cedes us.
self - giv - ing is your na - ture and love's mea - sure.
and with your truth and love to life re - store us.

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:21-30 (Pg. 835) *

PASTOR: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

71 Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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SERMON

"Love that Unveils Truth"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN

105 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Maryton 8.8.8.8.

Words: Washington Gladden, 1879

Music: Henry Percy Smith, *Church Hymns with Tunes*, 1874

1. O *Mas-ter, let me walk with thee In low-ly
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee In clos-er,
4. In hope that sends a shin-ing ray Far down the

paths of serv-ice free; Tell me thy se-cret;
win-ning word of love; Teach me the way-ward
dear-er com-pa-ny, In work that keeps faith
fu-ture's broad-en-ing way In peace that on-ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way.
sweet and strong, In trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong.
thou canst give, With thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978
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SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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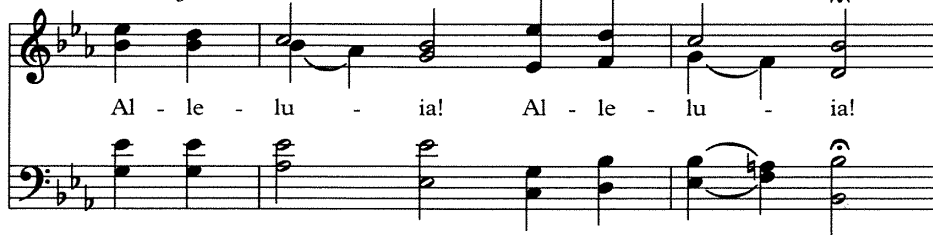


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



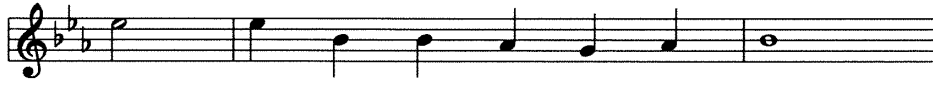
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



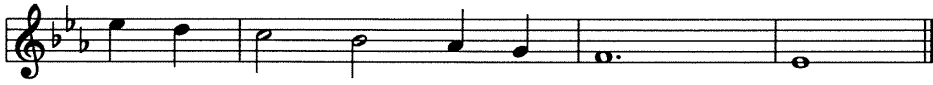
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you....

And also with you.

Lift Up Your hearts.....

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.....

It is right to give our thanks and praise

..... *and all the company of heaven*

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Elise Eslinger

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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..... *in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.....*

Memorial Acclamation

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

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..... *all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*

The Great Amen

Elise Eslinger



A - men, a - men a - - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Prayer Following Communion:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

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Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

1. Of all the Spir - it's gifts to me, I
2. The Spir - it shows me love's the root of
3. The Spir - it shows if I pos - sess a
4. Though what's a - head is mys - ter - y, and
5. We go in peace, but made a - ware that,

pray that I may nev - er cease to take and
ev - ery gift sent from a - bove, of ev - ery
love no e - vil can de - stroy; how - ev - er
life it - self is ours on lease, each day the
in a need - y world like this, our clear - est

treasure most these three: love, joy, and peace.
flower, of ev - ery fruit, that God is love.
great is my dis - tress, then this is joy.
Spir - it says to me, "Go forth in peace!"
pur - pose is to share love, joy, and peace.

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