

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany – February 4, 2024

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE Invention No. 1 in C Major J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN Gather Us In *Last Page*

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider Arise, shine, for your light has come;
People **And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.** *Isaiah 60:1*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And God's Spirit with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Holy God, who is One and yet Three, thank you for inviting us together this morning to worship you. Thank you for making us one family in Christ. Be present to us in the Word, in the prayers, in our praises, at your table, that we may grow together as your body, of one mind and heart, with Christ as our head. In his name we pray. **Amen**

SONG OF PRAISE Christ, be our light (*refrain and v 5*) Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light; shine in your church gath-ered to - day -

Verse 5

Ma-ny the gifts-, ma-ny the peo-ple, ma-ny the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Let us be ser-vants to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king-dom come - .

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Reader **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people**
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16: 5-11

- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; **it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; **indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; **my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; **because he is at my right hand, I shall fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; **my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, **nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

GOSPEL REFRAIN

Arise, shine!



A - rise-shine for your li-ght has come and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you. A

THE GOSPELJohn 15:1-5, 8-9 *The gospels are stories of Jesus' life**Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Presider The Good News of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****SERMON**

"Connected for Impact" The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

The Lord is my light Taizé



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion; in God I trust. In God I trust. The

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EPIPHANY*Please respond to "Jesus, Light of the World," with "Be seen in us."*

Christ, our Light, we thank you for revealing God to us. Thank you for blessing us in so many ways, especially for the those things we name now, aloud or in silence...

Jesus, Light of the World: *Be seen in us.*

Christ, our Light, sages from the east came to worship you as a light to all nations. Give us peace in this world, light where darkness reigns, provision for all who hunger, and security for all who live in fear. We pray for all places and people we name now:
Jesus, Light of the World: *Be seen in us.*

Christ, our Light, the Church was born in the waters of your baptism. Bless your church in every place; make us beacons of light and bringers of peace. We pray for our Bishop, Mariann; our pastor, Kate; the mission of the Christ Churches; and other ministries we name now...., that all may serve the world in your name.

Jesus, Light of the World: *Be seen in us.*

Christ, our Light, you revealed your power in the first miracle at Cana, power that is still with us through your Spirit. Give us the faith and courage to offer healing in your love for those we name now...

Jesus, Light of the World: *Be seen in us.*

Christ, our Light, you shone on the Mount of Transfiguration, giving your friends a glimpse of you as their destination as well as their teacher and Lord. We pray for all who have died, that they may know life in your presence now and forever, especially those we name now...

Jesus, Light of the World: *Be seen in us.***THE PEACE** *(Please stand as you are able)**Presider* The peace of the Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.***OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

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OFFERTORY SONG[Revive us again, vv 1,2,4](#)

LEVAS 157

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate, praying the words in bold type.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to praise and bless you, O Father of Lights.

For you have made all that is, and have called it good.

The whole creation sings the story of God's goodness and love –

the sun sings of God's light; the earth of God's provision,

And we, the creatures made in God's own image, join in the angels' song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise you, Almighty God, for in the Cross of Christ you have reconciled all people to yourself, every nation, language and family.

In Christ, you made us one church, your Body in the world.

In him, the only begotten Son, the firstborn of the sons of light,
was revealed the truth of what it means to be a child of God.

He was born into a family, but reached beyond it –

He called as his brothers the despised and the downtrodden;

He called as his sisters the broken and bereaved;

He called as his mother all those who believed in His true sonship.

**He calls us, adopted sons and daughters of the Living God, into his new family,
the family of those who dwell with Him forever.**

On the night our Lord Jesus Christ showed us the self-giving love at the heart of community, he gathered at table with his brothers and sisters, his disciples and friends. He took bread; and when He had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

And so we remember Jesus as we are remembered in him,
made whole again as his Body carrying his life into the world.

Come, Most Holy Spirit, and make these gifts for us the Body and Blood of your Son.
**Come, Most Holy Spirit, upon this people gathered as your church,
active in your mission to connect all people with your fiercely accepting love.**

Unite us in Jesus with all the saints across all time and all space, preparing for that eternal day when we worship together around the throne of the Lamb, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever: **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Elizabethan)

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, for ever and ever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Original)

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,
And 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 for ever. Amen

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Taste and See

Kate Heichler, 2006

Ta - ste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the bread he broke for us, Hal - le - lu - jah! -
- Ta - ste and see the wine that he has poured, the great-est for the
least, Hal - le - lu - jah! So let us keep the feast, Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE COMMUNION

*All are invited to communion, coming up the center aisle and returning by the side aisles,
disposing of the wine cup in the basket on your way back to your pew.
Those who wish to sip from the common cup, please indicate so to the chalice bearer.
If you don't wish to receive you may cross your arms for a blessing.*

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| COMMUNION MUSIC | Invention No. 10 in G major | J.S. Bach |
| | Praelude VI | J.S. Bach |
| | Courante | J.S. Bach |

PRAYER OF THANKS

Lord God, you feed us in this holy meal, which by faith becomes the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, filling us with new life: we thank you. You make us by this meal into a family, which by faith becomes Christ's body in the world, filling the world with new life: we praise you. Strengthen us to live as ministers who take your light into all the world. Humble us to learn from the people to whom we bear love. Release us as your servants, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and traveling companion. Amen.

BLESSING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Almighty God, this meal does not end here – you continue to nourish us, and to feed others through us. Bless these elements and vessels, and the lay eucharistic visitors who carry them out, that your Body and Blood may nurture those members of our family unable to worship with us today.

PASTORAL BLESSING

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Presider Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."
People **Lord, we go in your love, to bear abundant fruit of transformation
in our lives, our community, our world.**

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLOSING HYMN [Love divine, all loves excelling](#) Hymnal 657

SENDING *People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Promenade from "Pictures From An Exhibition" Mussorgsky

MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES

*Organ and Piano: Andrew Kivrak; Guitar: Kate Heichler; Voice: Cameron Mastin.
Hymns are found in the hymnals in our pews, and words are provided on slides.
Those worshipping online can click the link on the hymn name and find the tune there.
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OUR PRAYERS

We give thanks for: The many contributions of our wardens, Barb Palko and Dale Hupp

Milestones: Danielle Webber; Beverlie Ludy; the 20th anniversary of Kate's ordination.

We pray for: Peace and justice in the world

Those in need of healing – Marie, Danielle, James; Douglas; Janet; Bill

Those who have died – Alice Burroughs, Barbara Cecero

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TODAY! – please plan to stay after church to enjoy a delicious lunch, talk mission and money, elect new leaders, and celebrate what God is up to at Christ Church.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER February 13, 5-7 Christ Church Wayside – if there are ashes in our forecast, there are also pancakes! Come down to Wayside (13050 Rock Point Road, Newburg) for our traditional feast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, taters, apples – the whole shebang! And men – who's gonna help flip?

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 – The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes will be offered at **7 pm at Christ Church in La Plata** (and streamed to Zoom and Facebook), and at **noon at Christ Church Wayside** (13050 Rock Point Road, Newburg).

Ashes on the Go will be offered in La Plata from 7-9 am and 3-6 pm. Who wants to help? It's an amazing way to share God's love with our community.

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS BY ALL OF US – Lent begins on February 14. We are putting together a set of daily reflections by the members of the two Christ Churches to help us walk our Lenten road together. It's not too late to join in! Please participate by writing a short (1-2 paragraphs) reflection on a section from the Gospel of Mark (we'll go through the whole thing!), on the theme of "meeting Jesus." Let Rev. Kate know today!

ONLINE GIVING – La Plata: You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. You can also give online - go to www.christchurchlaplata.org and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

GIVING FUND – It's cold, and people are hungry. Please give as you're able.

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen, 1982



1. Here in this place, new light is stream-ing, now is the
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some



1. dark - ness, van - ished a - way, See, in this space, our
2. old who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-
3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your
4. heav - en, light years a - way, but here in this place, the



1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this
2. out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu - man
3. sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the
4. new light is shin - ing, now is the King-dom now is the



1. day. Gath-er us in the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath-er us
2. race. Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us
3. earth. Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to
4. day. Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, Gath-er us



1. in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -
2. in the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so
3. eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to
4. in and make us your own; Gath-er us in all peo - ples to -



1. wa - ken, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
3. fash - ion, lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
4. geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.