



## **Mission Statement**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 30, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

**Enriching our Worship**

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## The Word of God

**Entrance Hymn 449**      Oh love, how deep,

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought; by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.
4. For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
6. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for ever more.

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People*          *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

### Glory to God S280

Richard Felciano

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Lessons

*The congregation is seated*

*Lector* A reading from Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jane Graham

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

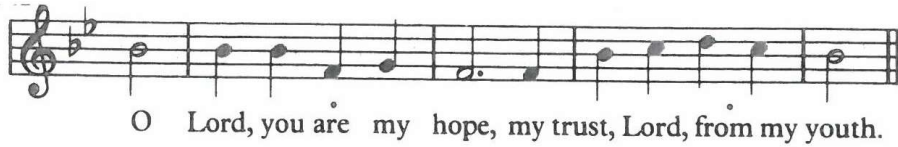
*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

*Psalm 71:1-6*

In te, Domine, speravi



- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold. R
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you. R

*Lector*

A reading from Corinthians 13:1-13

Sherran Davis

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put

an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Lector        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**Sequence Hymn VF 143    Love astounding**

Jeannette M. Lindholm

1.    Love astounding, love confounding limits fearful minds impose. Love renewing, love pursuing every heart until it knows love's transforming, healing goodness, love's abiding, gentle grace, love's endurance, love's assurance, love's consoling, strong embrace.

**The Gospel**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:21-30

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

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn VF 143**

**Love astounding**

2. Love receiving, love believing, we rejoice with thanks and song, faith regaining, hope proclaiming; love has taught us, we belong safe within love's tender keeping, safe from fear's persistent call. Love defending, love unending, love of God enfolding all.

**Sermon**

Rev. Spenser Simrill

**Nicene Creed**

*(All stand as you are able)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Pat Roberts

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For our presiding bishop, Michael and for our bishops Rob, Don and Paul; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their won thanksgivings*  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.



*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand as you are able. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*         *And also with you.*

*Then the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Announcements**

Pat Roberts

# **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory Hymn LEVAS 183**

### **God Wil Take Care of You**

1. Be not dismayed what e'er betide, God will take care of you; Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, Through every day, O'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

3. All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you; Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, Through every day, O'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God wil take care of you.

God will take care of you, Through every day, O'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

## **Eucharistic Prayer C**

*The Celebrant faces the people and says*

### **The Sursum corda**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

*Be 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 rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

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, we are reconciled.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

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

## Hymn S 128

*Celebrant and People*

## Holy, Holy, holy Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: 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, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen

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

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

## **S161 Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*In the Episcopal Church, all persons (adults and children) are welcome at the Lord's Table. We offer the sacrament in one kind – bread.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, when you come to the altar, please cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest of your wish.*

**Communion Hymn 325    Let us break bread together    Afro-American spiritual**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

**A Sending Out Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 440**

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word**

Tobias Clausitzer

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded; thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.
3. Gracious Lord, thy self impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry thy Church upraise; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

## The Dismissal

*Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.*

## Assisting with the service today

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Readers               | Jane Graham and Sherran Davis    |
| Prayers of the People | Pat Roberts                      |
| Coordinator           | Richard Pfleger                  |
| Music                 | Paul Campbell                    |
| Church Administrator  | Terry Glover                     |
| Vestry Members:       | Paul Brady, Communications       |
|                       | Linda Cage, Outreach coordinator |
|                       | Sherran Davis, Clerk             |
|                       | Richard Pfleger, Treasurer       |
|                       | Archie Polk, Evangelism          |
|                       | Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden      |
|                       | Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden          |

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