

You're Welcome...



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The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM



GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude: Handbell Choir: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*, arr. Jason W. Krug

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C. Amen

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

(Silence)(Please kneel or sit)

P. God, our rock and refuge,

C. we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen

P. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C. Amen

(stand)

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C. And also with you!

The Entrance Hymn: #576 WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

Apostolic Greeting

P. 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.

Hymn of Praise (stanzas 1 & 5 only)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing, Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For life
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

The Prayer of the Day:

P. Almighty God,

C. by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(Be Seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12 (sung responsively with cantor)

⁵For God alone I | wait in silence; truly, my hope | is in God.

**⁶God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor; God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

**⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

**¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it, that power be- | longs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord, for you repay all according | to their deeds.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(stand)

The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹⁴Now after Jesus was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]

(stand)

The Hymn of the Day: #696 JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT

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

Installation of Council Member

The Prayers

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. God of grace, **C. receive our prayer.**

P. Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C. Amen

The Offertory: Celebration Choir: *Arise, Shine*, Robert Lau

Offertory Hymn:

We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. It begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) throughout the piece. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering."

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

The Offertory Prayer:

P. Blessed are you, Holy One,

C. for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also 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.**

The Proper Preface

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus:



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer:

P. Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. 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 for 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

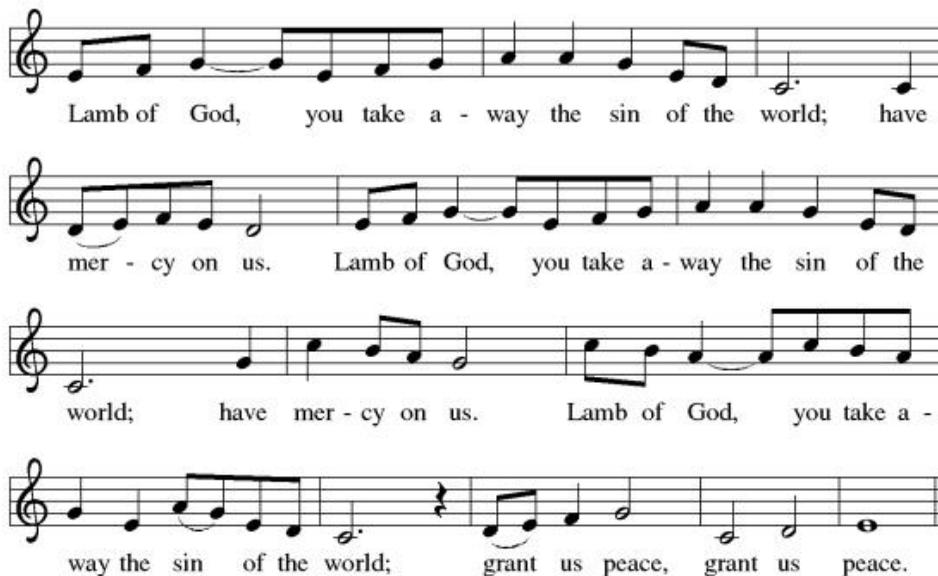
P. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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

The Fraction:

P. At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Agnes Dei – LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution:

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

#584 THE SON OF GOD, OUR CHRIST

#674 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

#661 I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

#547 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

#663 SPREAD, OH, SPREAD, ALMIGHTY WORD

The Blessing of Communicants:

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

C. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer:

P. Giver of every gift,

C. Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen

The Benediction

P. God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C. Amen

The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *Toccata in F Major*, Johann Pachelbel

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

LECTOR

9:00 Gary Nace

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Lisa Garrett, John Fuehrer

ACOLYTES

9:00 CH Anya Gilbert

AV

Live Stream

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

USHERS

9:00 Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

Launder Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Deliver Flowers: Dan Doremus

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

✠ To the glory of God.

We give back to God's church as a reflection of our gratitude to God for the gifts He has generously given us. It is our consistent stewardship and our financial offering that funds and makes possible the ministries of our church. Therefore, live generously and faithfully share the blessings that God has abundantly gifted you.

Make Your Regular Offering Electronically

You can give your regular offering, Special Appeal, building fund, or Homes of Hope fund donations by using your Smart Phone and following the QR code.



Prayers of the People

Phyllis Peters – ECH

Terry Gehman – 11 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529

Susan Loss – 433 S Kinzer Ave, Apt. 328 GW, New Holland, PA 17557-8748.

Knee replacement January 12.

Brian Sweigart – The Gardens at Stevens, Rm. 313, 400 Lancaster Ave. Stevens, PA 17578

Myrtle Lausch – Willow View Home, 204 Herrville Rd. Willow Street, PA 17584

Dave Bowers – 66 Brookfield Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522. Knee replacement January 12.

Mike Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522

Hank & Pat Kajetzke – friends of Judy & Michael Williams

Alysha Fassnacht – Daughter in law of Sharon and Kurt Fassnacht

Connie Hutchinson – 1010 James Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522

Candice Walker – 270 Stevens Rd. Stevens, PA 17578

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need

All those who have suffered losses during the current pandemic and all those front line and essential workers keeping us safe.



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna
Emmalyn Mulvenna
Linda Hutchinson
Janet Brunner
Andrew Campbell
Michael Spenrath
Asher D'Agostino
Paul Naffin

COL. Eric Bowers
Dan Wierbiki
Jacob Hinkle Jr.
Karen Woerner Kim
Kim Harnish
Rick Gerhard
Wyatt Geisthweit
Sue & Denis Rowe
Theresa Cimino

Jim Weik
Evelyn Chronister
Heidi White
Johnny White
Jacob Connelly
Sally Wise
Scott Zimmerman
Walt & Helen Stever

Brent Stever
Alan & family
Dori Hoch
Cindy Stahl
Grant Hummer
Bruce Snader
Martha Becker
Crystal Perry
Amy Pasili

John Surdich
Elle Pogreba
Jakob Marlow
Sue James
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Doug Kulp