

Parish Hall Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Sunday February 1, 2026, 10:30 AM

GATHERING SONG

Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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WELCOME

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.
Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,

God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

OPENING SONG

Seek Ye First

Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted
Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted yeah

They say we need money and power
They say there's no God up above
Don't they know our friend in high places
Nothing can be stronger than love...so

Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted
Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted yeah

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word of the Lord
Leave behind your earthly treasures
And look for what God has in store...so

Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted
Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted yeah

Ask of God and all shall be given
Seek in his name and ye shall find
Knock and it shall open unto you
God will grant you all you require...so

Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted
Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven
And all shall be granted yeah

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

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Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

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Psalms 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

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1 Corinthians 1:18-31

- ¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”
- ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
- ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.
- ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
- ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,
- ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.
- ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
- ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
- ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,
- ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.
- ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

PASTOR

Matthew 5:1-12

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Hope blooms in a weary world

when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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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 THE PEOPLE

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Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

PASSING THE OFFERING PLATE

OFFERTORY SONG

Thank the Lord
Get down and thank the Lord,
For what He's given to you
He died to save your soul,

On that dark awful night.
He'll forgive you of your sin, if you ask Him in.

Thank the Lord every day
Thank the Lord when you pray
Thank the Lord every day
Thank the Lord when you pra-a-a-a-a-ay

Get down and thank the Lord,
For what He's given to you.
He helps you every day in so many ways.
Count your blessings every day,
Thank Him when you pray.

Thank the Lord every day
Thank the Lord when you pray
Thank the Lord every day
Thank the Lord when you pra-a-a-a-a-ay

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OFFERING PRAYER

PASTOR

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

PASTOR

COMMUNION SONGS

Let Us Break Bread Together

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 Lord, have mercy on me.

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 Lord, have mercy on me.

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.

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Father Of Lights

Father of lights
You delight in Your children
Father of lights
You delight in Your children

And very good and perfect gift
Comes from You
And every good and perfect gift
Comes from You
And every good and perfect gift

Comes from You
Father of lights

Father of lights You never change
You have no turning
Father of lights You never change
You have no turning

And very good and perfect gift
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Father of lights

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PASTOR

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Psalm 100

Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord

All ye, all ye lands
Serve the Lord, the Lord with gladness
Come before His presence with singing

Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)

Know ye that the Lord He is God
It is He, He that hath made us
And not we ourselves
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture

Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving
And into His courts with praise
Be thankful unto Him
And bless His holy name

Hallelujah, glory hallelujah! (Praise God)
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GOOD NEWS

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DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.