

# HE SPEAKS WITH REAL AUTHORITY



Fourth Week of Epiphany
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

**About Our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

**Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

**Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones**: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

We have entered the Fourth Week after Epiphany in this year's Epiphany season. As winter drags on, the joy of Christmas may seem like a distant memory and the hope of spring is impossibly far away. But these weeks of Epiphany call us to remember Jesus as the light and renewer of the world. The light that entered the world at Christmas has not vanished; the world is being renewed by Jesus' death and resurrection. Let us root ourselves in these realities, even when the world around us seems dark and barren.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

# THE WORD OF GOD

# **PROCESSIONAL**

You may stand.

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known; and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, and eve'rywhere that we can be, Thou God, are present there. Celebrant: The God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# O Gracious Light



Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

# Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Arise, shine, for your light has come; And the glory of God is on you. Arise, see when the earth grows dark That the Lord will arise upon you. The Lord will arise upon you.

Nations will come to your light.
Lift up your eyes and see.
We'll gather together and come to you,
And your love will be all that we know,
Your love will be all that we know.
The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be
All the light that we need;
And violence will end; all the wars
That we wage will cease.
We will glorify your name.
We will glorify your name.

Arise, come to the open gates For the Father is welcoming you. Fear not for the Lord brings peace And redemption to all who believe, Redemption to all who believe.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: 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.

Please be seated.

### THE FIRST READING

### **DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 111

- 1 Hallelujah!
  - I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \* in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds of the Lord! \* they are studied by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor, \* and his righteousness endures for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \* the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him; \* he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works \* in giving them the lands of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \* all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \* because they are done in truth and equity.
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \* holy and awesome is his Name.
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

- <sup>1</sup> Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But whoever loves God is known by God.
- <sup>4</sup> So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one." <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.
- <sup>7</sup> But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. <sup>8</sup> But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.
- <sup>9</sup> Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. <sup>12</sup> When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

### **ALLELUIA**

You may stand.



## THE GOSPEL

**MARK 1:21-28** 

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

- <sup>21</sup> Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.
- <sup>23</sup> Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"
- <sup>25</sup> But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. <sup>26</sup> At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him.
- <sup>27</sup> Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" <sup>28</sup> The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **ALLELUIA**

Please be seated.

# THE SERMON



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Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

### THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: 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

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

*The celebrant concludes the prayers.* 

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### THE OFFERTORY

# Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

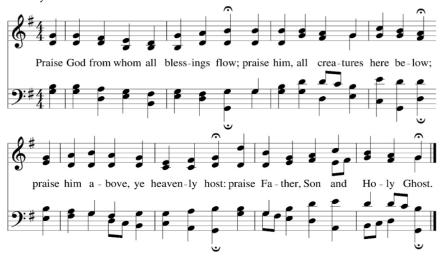
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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You may stand.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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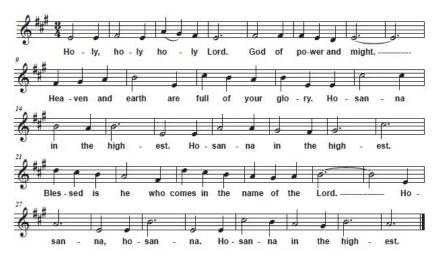
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## Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

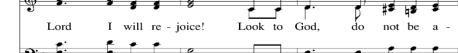
your nearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

# In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank -



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near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

# We Fall Down

We fall down,
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy, And we cry holy, holy, holy, And we cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb.

# **Take Over**

Thirsty, I'm thirsty for You.
In a dry land with no drink,
I need You.
I know You made a home
Inside this heart of stone.
So turn it into flesh, Spirit soften it.
I give You all I have.
I'm holding nothing back.
Jesus, I am Yours.
Jesus, I am Yours.

Take over, lover of my soul. Take control. I surrender. There's nothing I want more than to know You, Lord, To know You.

What am I supposed to do
With all my kingdoms next to You?
You're the Lord.
You're the Lord.
I could gain the world and more.
It's all nothing next to You,
My reward, my reward.

# **Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be." blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name." Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, shine in you and through you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

You may be seated.

## RECESSIONAL

# **Celtic Benediction**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

# THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Save the Dates for Our Annual Meeting

At the beginning of each year, we gather as a church to discuss and vote on our:

- \* proposed budget
- \* proposed slate of new vestry members
- \* proposed changes to our bylaws

The Annual Business Meeting will take place Saturday, Feb. 3rd. In person, at Pleasant Hill, immediately after the service, approximately 6:30–6:45pm. All may attend, but only members may vote. Questions most welcome. You may contact Senior Warden Christine Sloat or Fr. Kevin.

# **Did You Find Jesus?**

As in, the baby Jesus hidden in your piece of rosca bread on Epiphany? Keep him at home, safe from King Herod, and bring him back on February 3rd, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. That Saturday, children will not be picked up at the Peace as usual, but will line up in the lobby behind the acolyte in order to present baby Jesus at the temple. Once the children have placed their baby Jesus, the children will be directed to sit down with their families. After the service, please remain in your seats for the Annual Business Meeting.

# **Inward Journey Small Group**

Starting on February 21st, Vicki Howard is leading a 6-session small group through the first section of Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline. The group will meet every other Wednesday from 7 - 8:30 pm at PHCC; for more information, please contact Vicki at howard.vicki78@gmail.com. Sign up online or at the Info Table.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery & Children's Worship:** We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade may attend Following Jesus.

**Youth:** Youth Group Gatherings will resume tonight after the service. Hope you can join us!

Future dates are: February 10th and 24th, March 9th, and April 6th and 20th.

### **UPCOMING SERMONS**

The Season of Epiphany

January 6, Epiphany: Violent King vs. Vulnerable King, Kevin Miller, Matthew 2:1-15

January 13, A Whole New Dimension, Linda Richardson, Mark 1:4-11 January 20, He Sees You, He Calls You, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:14-20 January 27, He Speaks with Real Authority, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:21-28 February 3, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Kevin Miller, Luke 2:22-40

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