

*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 24, 2021*

*10:30 am*

*(The words to the hymns are printed on the last two pages of this bulletin.)*

**Prelude:**      “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hal Hopson (1933-)

**Welcome by the Rev. Sarah Hurlbert, Rector**

**Opening Hymn:**            **The Hymnal 1982 # 400 (v. 1,4,7**  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People*            **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

**Hymn of Praise**            *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;**  
**God is Love: let earth rejoice;**  
**let creation sing before him,**  
**and exalt him with one voice.**  
**God who laid the earth's foundation,**  
**God who spread the heavens above,**  
**God who breathes through all creation,**  
**God is Love, eternal Love.**

*-The Hymnal 1982 #379 (verse.1)*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you  
*People*            **And also with you**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



*Reader*  
*People*

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to Mark 1:14-20**

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**                      **The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert**

**Nicene Creed**

**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* Please respond to each petition with “Hear our prayer.”

*Intercessor* As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, proclaim the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest gloom. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As a star rose high to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, especially our first responders, and teachers, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As John the Baptist guided people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior’s birth; we pray for this church, the discernment of our own gifts and how best to use them. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings upon all people; we pray for the sick, the distressed and the poor in our community (especially----); and all residents of our local shelters. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Lord you wept at the death of your friend Lazarus, be with us when we mourn. We pray for those who have died (especially.....) that they are at peace. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him; we pray for those who have answered your call to follow Jesus in ministry, presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Bonnie, Sarah our Rector, Melissa our Curate, and our Vestry. Give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant & People to say together:*

*(Howard Thurman)*

**Lord, Open unto me – light for my darkness.  
Open unto me – courage for my fear.  
Open unto me – hope for my despair.  
Open unto me – peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me – joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me – wisdom for my confusion  
Open unto me – forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me – love for my hates.  
Open unto me – thy Self for my self.  
Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

### **Announcements:**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this afternoon via Zoom at 2 pm. The Zoom link will be posted on our Facebook page and in our weekly email. All are encouraged to attend!

Christian education for children and youth will continue on Sundays at 6PM, and the youth group activity for February will be sledding at Cascade Park. Check the parent Facebook page for more info.

Join Pastor Sarah each Wednesday at 8pm on Facebook live for the service of Compline.

Please remember to call or email Pastor Sarah with news of anyone who is sick in our congregation and reach out for help when you need it. Diana Sinclair is gathering our prayer requests each week so make sure you email or call her with your requests.

Thanks to all who are helping make this worship happen and thank you all for being here!

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**Meditation: “O Love of God”**

*William H. Bates (1943-)*

### **The Holy Communion**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth filled with your glory:  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. \*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*            **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

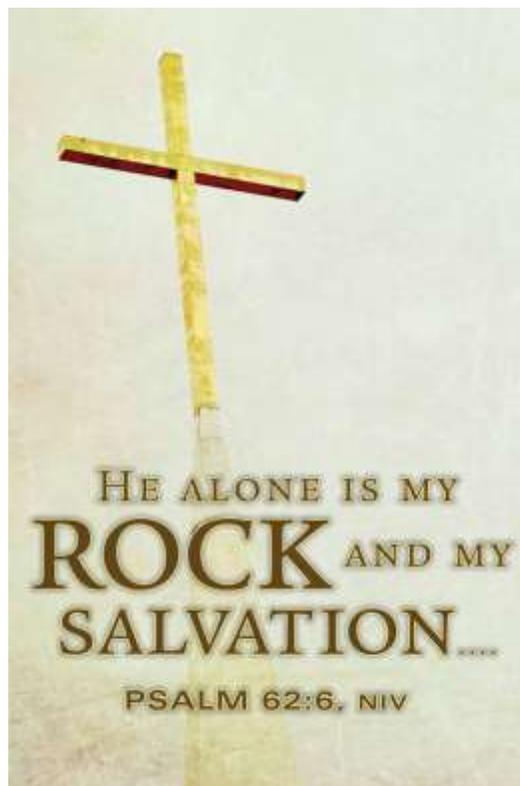


*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: “Lord of All Hopefulness”**

*Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of the Rev. Canon Fredrick & Carolyn Brownell by the Loren Swanson Family; And IN LOVING MEMORY of grandmother Lulu Cuiss, aunt Mary Lou Kellogg, uncle Vic Cuiss, brother Phil Seckinger and mother Grace Gaebelein by the Seckinger family.



*Worship Ministers: The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Dcn. Melissa Congleton  
Julie Baglien, Organist; Christy Randall, vocalist;  
Natalie Magnusson, 1st Reader; Melaina Magnusson; 2nd Reader & acolyte; Zoë Magnusson, Intercessor & acolyte  
Special thanks again go to our tech team for their faithfulness & expertise!*

## The hymns for today are from *The Hymnal 1982*

### Opening Hymn: #400 (v. 1,4,7)

#### “All Creatures of Our God and King”

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way;  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: *Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226*  
Music: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

### Communion Hymn: #455

#### “O Love of God, How Strong and True”

1 O love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

Words: *Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889*  
Music: *DUNEDIN*



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**Closing Hymn: #482**  
**“Lord of All Hopefulness”**

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: *Jan Struther, 1901-1953*  
Music: *SLANE; Irish ballad melody;*





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