

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

01/14/2024

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING HYMN: [ELW#696 "Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult"](#)

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: [ELW#310 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"](#)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated.

PSALM 65

L ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

C ¹⁰⁶**I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

L ¹⁰⁷I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

C ¹⁰⁸**Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

- L ¹⁰⁹My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.
C ¹¹⁰**The wicked set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.**
- L ¹¹¹Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.
C ¹¹²**I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.**

MARK 4:1-2, 21-25

- L A reading from Mark: ^{4:1}Again [Jesus] began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching, he said to them: ²¹... 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? ²²For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. ²³Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' ²⁴And he said to them, 'Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. ²⁵For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'
- L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: [ELW#308 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"](#)

SERMON: ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

Please stand, as you are able.

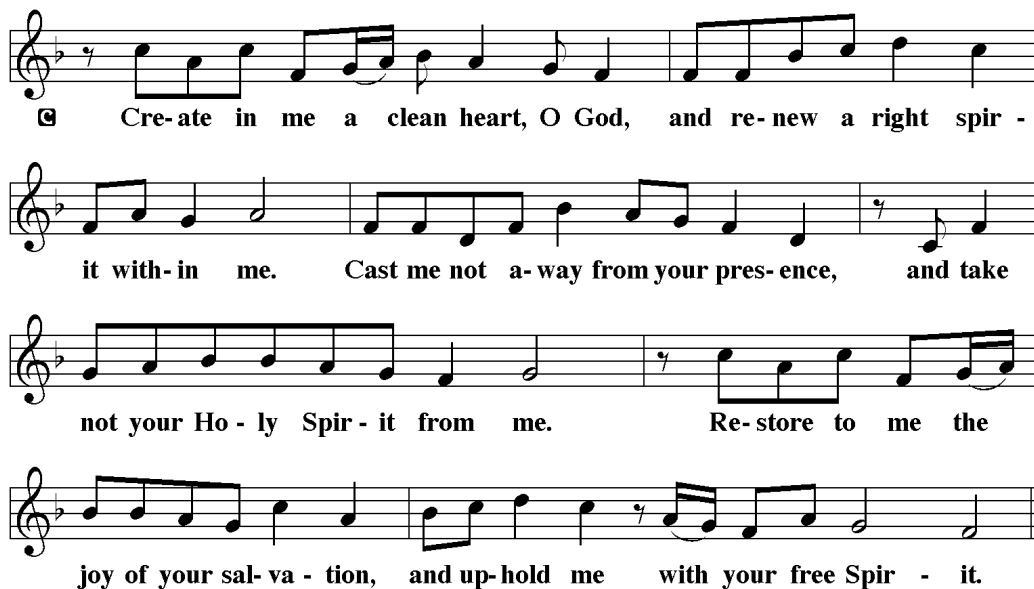
- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERING

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the
joy of your sal- va - tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

A brief silence.

L Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disasters. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration, especially Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, the family and friends of Lou Schaffer. Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, MaKenzie Snyder, the Spiegler family, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, Rich Wokkittel, and Pastor Jack. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L 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**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: [ELW#818 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Upcoming Events!

- **February 13** – Venture Crew Pancake Supper
- **February 18** – Lady Terps Basketball Game, 1 pm (contact Bob Hardy for tickets)

*Offering to be sent to
Robert Brackbill
10274 Raleigh Tavern Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Epiphany Lutheran Church
9122 Sybert Drive
Columbia Hills
Ellicott City, MD 21043
<https://www.epiphanylutherancolumbia.org>

Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291

Upcoming Narrative Lectionary Texts

(Subject to Change)

| Date | Day | Reading |
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| Jan 21 | 3 Epiphany | Mark 5:1-20 |
| Jan 28 | 4 Epiphany | Mark 5:21-43 |
| Feb 04 | 5 Epiphany | Mark 6:1-29 |
| Feb 11 | Transfiguration | Mark 8:27-9:8 |
| Feb 14 | Ash Wednesday | Mark 9:30-37 |
| Feb 18 | 1 Lent | Mark 10:17-31 |
| Feb 25 | 2 Lent | Mark 10:32-52 |
| Mar 03 | 3 Lent | Mark 12:1-17 |
| Mar 10 | 4 Lent | Mark 12:28-44 |
| Mar 17 | 5 Lent | Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 |
| Mar 24 | Palm Sunday | Mark 11:1-11 |
| Mar 28 | Holy Week | Mark 14:22-42 |
| Mar 29 | Holy Week | Mark 15:16-39 |
| Mar 31 | Easter | Mark 16:1-8 |

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