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Worship Gathering
5th Sunday of Epiphany
February 4, 2018

Gathering as the Body

Announcements / Call to Worship / Silence

Opening Prayers

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

Song: Rescuer (Good News)

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer

We are free from sin forevermore

Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary

Blessing of the Children

————— *Listening for the Word* —————

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 40:21-31*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our God You reign forever, our Hope, our strong Deliverer

Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalms 147:1-11, 20c*

Praise the Lord.

**How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.**

The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

**Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.**

He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.

**He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.**

His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

**the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

Praise the Lord!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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Gospel Reading *Mark 1:29-39*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of the People

God, I thank you that we have all the rights and freedoms we
need in Jesus Christ. I pray you would help me to stand in
solidarity with _____ so they may know your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

God hears the cries of the brokenhearted
and renews the strength of those who trust in his mercy.
In Jesus Christ, God has taken us by the hand,
forgiving our sins and lifting us up to new life.
Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Welcoming One Another in Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Communing at the Table

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

Prayers Around the Table

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 him thanks and praise!

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

...Because you are one with us, O Christ,
 make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And
 hal - low - ed be thy name, thy king - dom for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for -
 come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in give those who tres - pass a - gainst
 heav'n. us. And lead us not in to temp - ta - tion

but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the

pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and

ev - er. A - men.

...Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Come with open hands to receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and feed on Christ's presence, with thanksgiving.

If you are not a baptized Christian, come with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. (And let us know if you're interested in being baptized.)

Song: Almighty God

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
 Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy
 Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 With gratitude we raise our song to You
 Come and fill the praises of Your people
 In grace and truth You make us new again

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 We long for more than what this world provides
 No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
 But Your river deep floods over everything

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
You take away our sickness and our sin
Oh Lamb of God we gather at Your table
In bread and wine You have supplied our needs

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Song: I Am Set Free

You broke my chains of sin and shame
And You covered me with grace
You mend my life with Your holy fire
You cover me with grace

And You are the hand that reaches out to save

*I am set free, oh - I am set free, oh
It is for freedom that I am set free*

Yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace and for Your love

Song Reprise: Rescuer (Good News)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

**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 Sending and Blessing

Go now, and trust in God's mercy for your strength.
Proclaim the good news wherever God calls you,
and do not set yourselves apart from others,
but be all things to all people for the sake of the gospel.

And may God give you the strength and freedom of an eagle.
May Christ be the bread that nourishes and renews you.
And may the Holy Spirit be the rising wind beneath your wings.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

