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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 2, 2025 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Epiphany Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of Light,

C: We have lived in darkness for too long. We have built walls of isolation so high that the sun is no longer visible. We have a fortress of protection so complete that the sun cannot penetrate. We have stumbled down dark alleys in search of real meaning. God of light and life, illuminate the rooms of our life with your light, and draw us closer to you. Forgive the sin which keeps us in our private darkness. Allow us to live in the light of your freedom and acceptance.

P: Our God is Light and life. Our God has brightened our days with hope and exposed every dark corner of our lives with grace and mercy. The Light of life is Christ Jesus, who brings the compassion of God's brightness into a dark world. In Jesus, we live in the light of our Creator and know the joy of hope and community.

C: We give thanks to God for light and new life! Amen!

Tree of Life

Gathering Song "Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life"

Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how
va - tion, come and die to sin, rise
mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -

To Refrain



leads us on from death in - to new life.
deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
up to life with - in the Reign of God.
mem - ber how your love has set us free.

Epiphany Litany (based on Isaiah 60:1-6)

A: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

C: **Darkness has been banished!**

A: God's light of hope floods the earth.

C: **God's light comes to us all.**

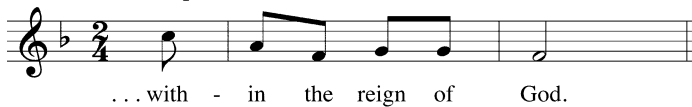
A: O, God, make us ready to journey in this Light.

C: **In this time of worship, prepare our hearts to live in your marvelous Light. Amen.**

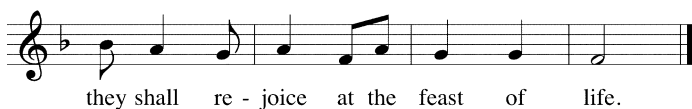
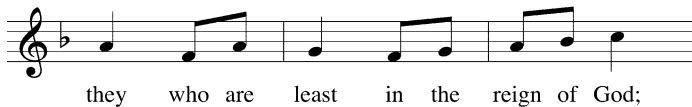
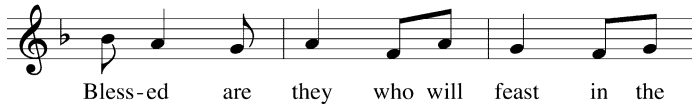
Song of Praise "Within the Reign of God"

(The congregation sings the verse response and the refrain)

Verse Response



Refrain



Verse: Come now, the feast is spread; in Jesus' name we break the bread,

Here shall we all be fed, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**

All you who seek God's face are welcome in this holy place;

Join in the feast of grace, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**

(Refrain)

Verse: Welcome the weak and poor, the sinner finds an open door,

None judged, and none ignored **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**

Here shall the weary rest, the stranger be a welcome guest.

So shall we all be blest, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**

(Refrain)

Verse: One earth, one holy band, one family as our God has planned,

All share the promised land, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**

Come now, the feast is spread, in Jesus' name we break the bread;

Here shall we all be fed, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**

(Refrain)

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For'. The third staff continues with 'you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.'.

Gospel

Luke 4: 21-30

Then [Jesus] began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Children's Message and Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

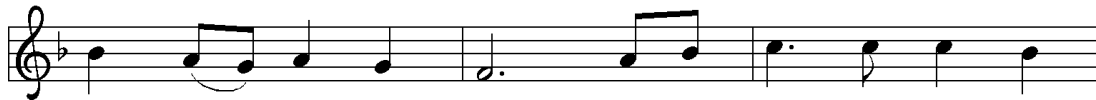
"All Are Welcome"



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Prayers of the People

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Offering

Offering Response "Come, Let us Bring"



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



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Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

ALL: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and good...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

ALL: 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.

Distribution of Communion

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C: Amen

P: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

C: Amen

Benediction

P: May the path that Christ walks:
to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation:
May this path run through our lives, and
May we be the road Christ takes.

Sending Song

"To Be Your Presence"



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Shine the light of Christ in the world.

C: Thanks be to God! And we will!