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Thank you for joining us today!

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a card from the pew and place it in the collection so that we may follow up.

Coffee and conversation take place after the service in the parish hall. Follow the hallway at the right front of the church to the right and past the kitchen.



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Serving Today

Officiant	The Rev. Jason M. Miller
Organist	Rob Boccaccio
Music Director	Kerrykate Abel
Readers	Paul Mikulski, Tiffany Matthews
Acolytes	Emelia Brown, Zak Miller

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Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please rise in body or in spirit and join in singing.

♪ **Hymnal 577 – “Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling”**

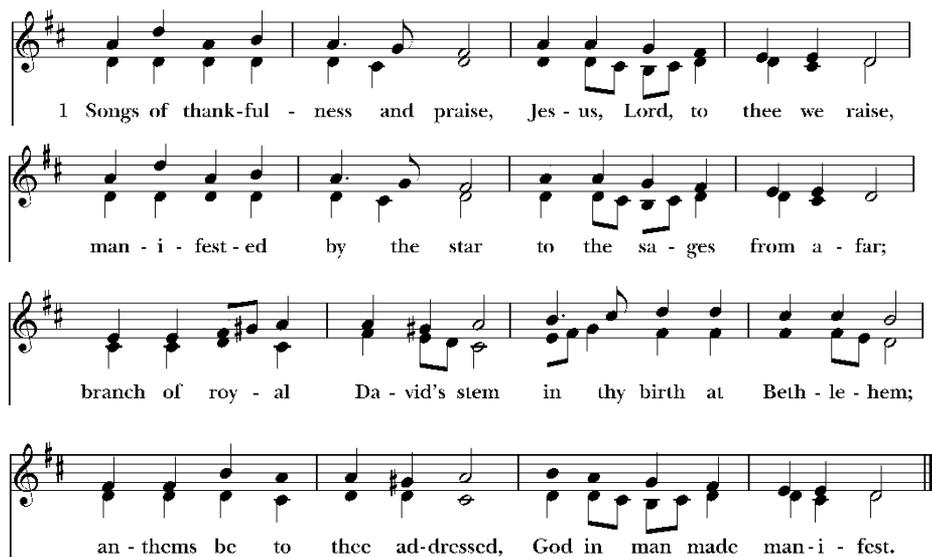
Opening Acclamation

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 your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ Hymn 135 v. 1 – “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

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The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Paul said to King Agrippa, “Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

“With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

“After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God

and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 67

Please remain seated and pray the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gospel

Matthew 10:16-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve, “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or in spirit.

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Steve, our Bishop, and all Bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

Irving & Margaret Brewster, Malinda Gay, Tim George, Susan Grinslade, Marje Hagberg, Barbara Harrison, Susan Lee, Carri Ludwig, Gail Michaels, Sue Petherick, Toni Spence, Grace & Norman Zaccagnino

and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts.

Time is given for the people to name those for whom we pray

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom;

Silence or the people may add their own petitions

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Please greet one another with a visible sign of God's peace.

Announcements

Please be seated for a brief list of announcements.

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness offer our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

♪ Hymn 255 – “We sing the glorious conquest”

Please rise in body or in spirit and join in singing.

♪ The Doxology – Hymn 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," an - gel hosts are sing - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 "San - to, san - to, san - to," can - tan se - ra - fi - nes. "San - to, san - to,

ho - ly is the Lord our God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is God, the Lord of
 san - to, Dios es el Se - ñor. San - to, san - to, san - to es fuer - te nue - stro

might. Your glo - ry fills the heav - ens, your glo - ry fills the
 Dios. Tu glo - ria lle - na los cie - los, la tie - rra lle - na es -

earth." Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na is our song.
 tá." Ho - sa - na en las al - tu - ras, ho - sa - na la can - ción."

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant, Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come forward to receive communion one row at a time. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when approached with the bread.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living

members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

... be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

♩ Hymnal 616 vv.1-3 – “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude



Join us for Lunar New Year!

Friday, February 13th @ 6 PM



The Lunar New Year is a time of renewal, gratitude, and hope, observed by many cultures around the world. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the customs, symbols, and foods associated with the holiday, while enjoying fellowship and fun as a church community.

What can you expect?

- An introduction to Lunar New Year traditions and their meanings
- Cultural activities and decorations
- Traditional foods and refreshments
- Fellowship, laughs and joyful celebration with friends

This will be a mostly catered event – free of charge! We just need an accurate count so be sure to sign up in the parish hallway or email us:

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