

### Introduction

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

**Welcome** (If worshipping by livestream or recording,  
*please have a candle and Communion elements ready for worship.*)

### Song: #665 "Rise, Shine, You People!"

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.
  
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.
  
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

### Confession & Peace\*

You share your love with every people;  
we draw limits of race and creed.

Messiah have mercy  
**Messiah have mercy**

You immerse yourself in love of life;  
we hold back in fear and shame.

Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

You change the water into wine;  
we refuse to let our hearts be moved.

Messiah have mercy  
**Messiah have mercy**

Christ has broken down the dividing wall that made us strangers to one another;  
Christ has made us one humanity that God might be all in all;  
Christ Jesus is our life, our hope, our peace.

**Amen. Let God's Peace flow through us.**

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day\***

God of liberation, confronting the powers that exclude the unclean and bind us to death:

May we receive Your Word of authority, Your rule of peace, Your earthy holiness, which comes not to destroy but to set us free; through Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God. Amen.

### **Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-20** *(Inclusive Version)*

Yhwh said to Moses:

YHWH, your God, will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; to that prophet you must listen. 16 It was this that you asked of YHWH, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, "Let us not hear again the voice of YHWH, our God, nor see this great fire again, or we will die."

17 And YHWH said to me, "This is well said. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their people, into whose mouth I will put my words, and that person will tell them all that I command. 19 If any person will not to listen to the words which my prophet speaks in my Name, I myself will call that person to answer for this. 20 But if a prophet presumes to speak in my Name a message that I have not commanded to be spoken, or speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet will die."

***Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... Thanks be to God***

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28** *(Inclusive Version)*

[Jesus and his disciples] came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were spellbound by the teaching, because Jesus taught with an authority that was unlike their religious scholars.

23 Suddenly a person with an unclean spirit appeared in their synagogue. It shrieked, 24 "What do you want from us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

25 Jesus rebuked the spirit sharply: "Be quiet! Come out of that person!" 26 At that the unclean spirit convulsed the possessed one violently, and with a loud shriek it came out.

27 All who looked on were amazed. They began to ask one another, "What is this? A new teaching, and with such authority! This person even gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey!" 28 Immediately news of Jesus spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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### **Message**

**Song: #518 "We Eat the Bread of Teaching"**

### *Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,  
are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

- 1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,  
knows our hunger, and in pity  
gives her loving invitation  
to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*
- 2 Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,  
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;  
bread and wine she is preparing,  
know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*
- 3 Enter with delight and singing,  
for her richness now is bringing  
us this joyful celebration;  
eat and drink in jubilation. *Refrain*

### **Creed of Epiphany**

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,  
who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,  
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
The light that shines in the darkness;  
The darkness cannot overcome it.  
He embodied humanity in the image of God,  
And suffered for the greater good.  
He atoned for our sins  
And died on the cross for us,  
God's saving grace!**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The guiding light of God in our world.  
Through his spirit, God conquers  
The darkness of human sin,  
Helps people grow and  
Become the people they are meant to be.  
I believe in the power of transformation,  
Here in this world and in the world to come.  
Amen.**

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## Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community, let us pray.

**God, hear our prayer.**

*For what or whom else do the people pray?*

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in Your Love, let us pray.

**God, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Holy Communion\*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

We give thanks to God.

**Thank You God for Your grace.**

We praise you, Go fo many names,  
whose Spirit runs free through all the earth,  
Whose image lies dep in every mortal soul.

In Your grace

Your Word is made known to every people,  
calling forth the best they have to offer;  
Your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation  
healing the chaos that floods our world;  
Your Child is the host who offers new wine  
changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light  
that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

## **Holy: #525 You Are Holy**

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,  
Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

## **Words of Institution**

### **Christ's Prayer (Inclusive)**

*We pray together in the Spirit that Jesus taught:*

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.

Given and poured out for you.

*The bread of life for all who hunger.*

*The cup of compassion for a broken world.*

### **Lamb of God: p., 174, Setting 7**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **Prayer after Communion\***

God of the wedding feast, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: In the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, and the living wine of love's desire. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing:**

May Christ, who draws the nations into God,  
teach us to love our enemies;

May Christ, who enters the water of baptism,  
lead us to die to all ... but love;

May Christ, who gives new wine for the world,  
turn our bitterness into joy;

And the blessing of God +

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be with now and always. Amen.

## Postlude

\*\* Immediately following Worship today:

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