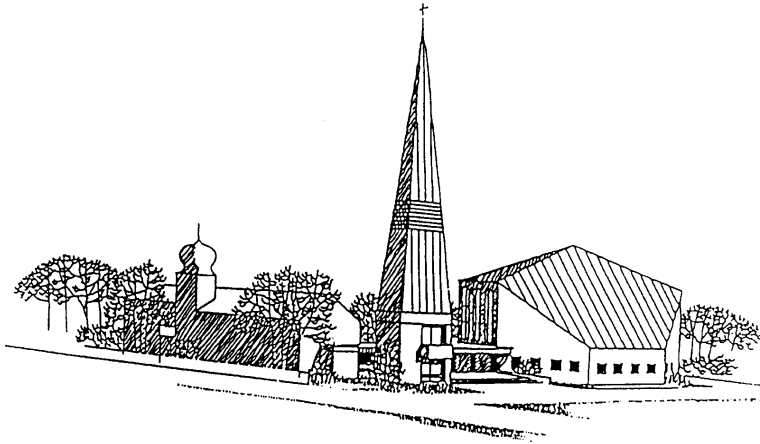


The Holy Eucharist

Gathered and Livestream:
Worshipping in Parish Hall



The Church of the Ascension *Munich*

The Second
Sunday after the Epiphany
The Church of the Ascension

January 14, 2024

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ORDER OF SERVICE

A warm welcome to all!

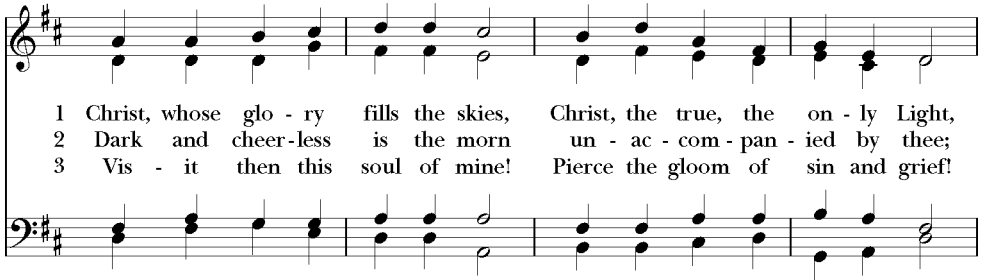
***Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom
for the duration of this service.***

ORGAN PRELUDE

All are invited to stand

Opening Hymn | *Christ whose glory fill the sky*

Hymn 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant and People together

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 Savior. Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

People Amen

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading | 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Read in German by Peter Dalen

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm | 139:1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

Led by Sue Morris

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Read by Sue Morris

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn | *What wonderful love is this*

Hymn 439

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Gospel | John 1:43-51

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

*Silence may be kept.
All are invited to stand*

The Nicene Creed

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 *Led by Penelope Dite*

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.
You have called us into the family
of those who are the children of God.
May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ
be strengthened by your grace.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a temple
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.
Give us clean hands and pure hearts
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the world,
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine as a witness
to the saving grace you have given for all.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body,
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort and healing power
to bring hope to those in distress.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride,
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.
Prepare us for the wedding feast,
where we will be united with you forever.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Celebrant:

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with joy
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.

Amen.

General Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

The Celebrant and People together

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.

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

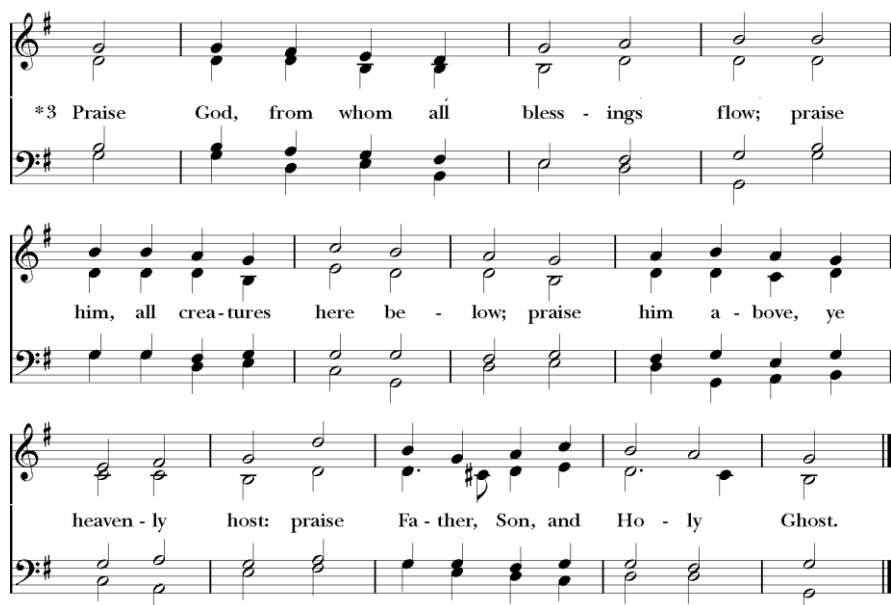
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory

Offertory Anthem



Please offer your gifts to God by making a bank transfer (EUR or USD), scanning this QR code in your PayPal app or by making a regular financial commitment to Church of the Ascension using the form http://bit.ly/financial_commitment_2024 . Even a small amount given regularly helps.



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise
 are yours at all times and in all places,
 our true and loving God;
 through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
 the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
 You laid the foundations of the world
 and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
 You brought forth all creatures of the earth
 and gave breath to humankind.
 Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
 all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
 And so as the morning stars sing your praises
 we join the heavenly beings and all creation
 as we sing with joy:

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from "Deutsche Messe") Hymnal S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
 Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
 gave it to his friends and said:
 "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
 said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
 "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
 the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
 longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts
 your earth has formed and human hands have made,
 we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine
 that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
 Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
 may be a people of hope, justice and love.
 Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
 and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people

into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,	Vater unser im Himmel
hallowed be thy Name,	geheiligt werde dein Name.
thy kingdom come,	Dein Reich komme.
thy will be done,	Dein Wille geschehe,
on earth as it is in	wie im Himmel so auf Erden.
heaven.	Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
And forgive us our trespasses,	wie auch wir vergeben
as we forgive those	unsern Schuldigern.
who trespass against us.	Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
And lead us not into temptation,	sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.
but deliver us from evil.	Denn dein ist das Reich
For thine is the kingdom,	und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit
and the power, and the glory,	in Ewigkeit. Amen.
for ever and ever. Amen.	

Celebrant and People

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion

- We maintain a system of one-way flows. Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you to move forward up the center aisle.
- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.
- After receiving the bread, the chalice will be offered. Following convocation guidelines, intinction (dipping) is not allowed. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may touch the chalice as a sign of reverence, stop and bow to the chalice, or simply return to your seat down the side aisle.

Communion Anthem

(Feel free to remain seated during the Communion Hymn.)

Communion Hymn | *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymn 324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

The Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn | *Ye servants of God, your master proclaim* Hymn 535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King,
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

The Sending and Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
 and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
 and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with
 you always.

Amen.

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* Thanks
 be to God.

Organ Postlude

*Please join us in the Parish Hall (Gemeindesaal) following
 the worship service for fellowship and refreshments.*

We kindly ask for your help in stacking the chairs directly after the service.