



PLUM Worship

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

January 16, 2022

10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE For Those Tears I Died

<https://youtu.be/aX7ucgWlusY>

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to worship.

We come with open ears, minds, and hearts.

We honor and respect places of worship,

And we bring our respect out into the world.

HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

https://youtu.be/of_8E1PudSO

1. *All hail the power of Jesus' name!*

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown him Lord of all.

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And crown him Lord of all.

2. *Ye chosen seed of Israel's race*

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace

And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace

And crown him Lord of all.

Lord of all. You are Lord of all.

Lord of all. You are Lord of all.

3. *Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball*

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

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4. *Lord of all. You are Lord of all.*
Lord of all. You are Lord of all.
And crown him Lord of all.
And crown him Lord of all.
And crown him Lord of all.
Lord of all. Lord of all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God,

Jesus shows us all the ways that we fall short. He also provides a way out of the holes we dig ourselves into. Forgive us our sins, and show us how to make better choices, be better friends, parents, kids, partners, and co-workers. Let Christ's light shine through us, for the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new! In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of justice, Jesus was angry when he saw how people treated the temple, your house. Remind us that how we treat your house, your mission, and your people matters. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING

Psalm 127:1-2

¹Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

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

GOSPEL

John 2: 13-25

The holy gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Readers: Narrator, Jesus, Jews

Narrator: The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves,

Jesus: “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

Narrator: His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him,

Jews: “What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Narrator: Jesus answered them,

Jesus: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Narrator: The Jews then said,

Jews: “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?”

Narrator: But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON **PASTOR JOHN GROPP**

HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

<https://youtu.be/ScxrIDZ3rx8>

- I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.*

REFRAIN

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

- I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.* REFRAIN

- Shine, shine, shine, shine!
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine, shine, shine!
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Shine!*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, so often we turn what was meant to be good into something self-serving, distorted, or unjust. Forgive us and lead us back to your right paths. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

We do not always understand the purpose of all that you have made, O Lord. Your vision far transcends our own. Teach us to trust in your provision and wisdom, and to justly order the corner of this world we occupy. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

Inspire us by the lives of your servants like Martin Luther King, Jr., who saw a vision of your justice and gave his life to bring it about. Move us by your passion for the disenfranchised, the persecuted, and the misunderstood. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

Your sanctuary is a place of prayer, praise, and healing. Grant to all who need it your wholeness and restoration, especially... God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all good gifts, your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Protect and bless all of our young people, especially.... God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, be with all those in the discernment process of calling a new pastor. You know what is best for the ministry of PLUM. Continue to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, Lord, so that we clearly hear and do what is your will. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant confidence and zeal to members of our PLUM congregations that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

Our legacy is with all those who, throughout the ages, saw injustice and didn't rest, but rather fought to restore your good order to the world. Join us with them and give us also their zeal and love for you. God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

For what else do we pray? [Silence]
God of righteousness, **Hear our prayer.**

All these things we entrust to you, knowing that you are ultimately merciful and have already heard our prayers. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.

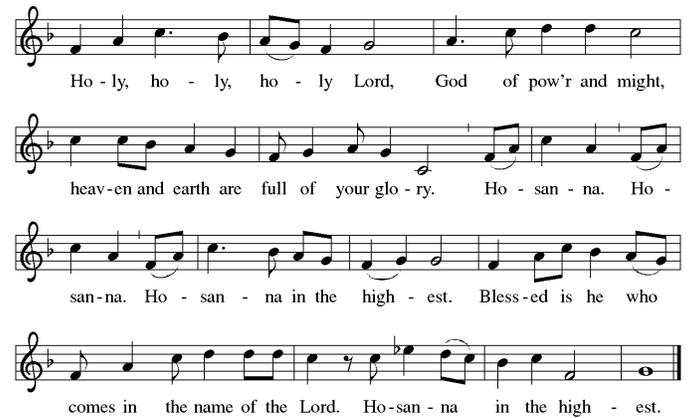
Let us pray. We bring our offerings before you, Lord, not to show how good or deserving we are, but to praise you and to care for those that have greater needs than we do. Steer us toward justice, righteousness, and unity, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

<https://youtu.be/fnPqDhwZPJc>



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery
of our faith:

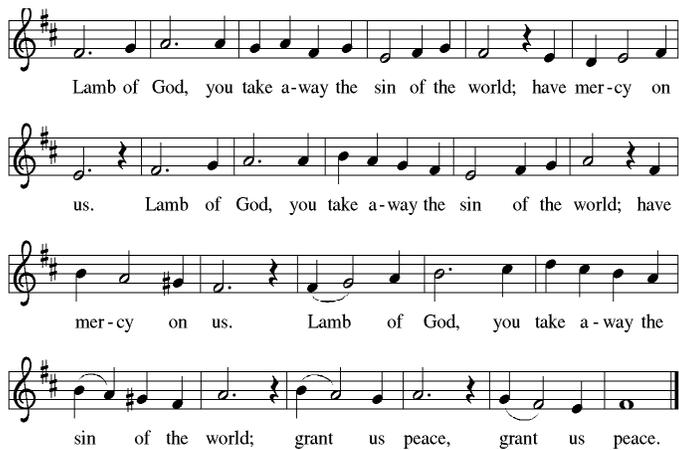
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the
Lord taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN <https://youtu.be/d1wSBNDHCW8>



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

INVITATION

Come to the table. All is ready.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**
Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen
your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your
grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be
your holy people, revealing your glory made known to
us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to
live in harmony with one another, in accordance with
Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

<https://youtu.be/79FT7kJpZ1g>

1. ***Stand up, stand up for Jesus!***
*Ye soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall he lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.*

2. ***Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!***
*The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are His now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.*
3. ***Stand up, stand up for Jesus!***
*Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
And, watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.*
4. ***Stand up, stand up for Jesus!***
*The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of glory,
Shall reign eternally.
Stand Up!*

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS

COFFEE HOUR

TODAY – Welcome!

BIBLE STUDIES

Join Pastor Paul on Thursday mornings on Zoom from 10AM to
11AM as we dive deeper into the scripture readings for upcoming
Sundays!

NEW BIBLE STUDY on zoom: Each Tuesday (1 PM) and
Thursday (7 PM) until Lent, we will consider a different
symbol/image of Epiphany. All are welcome!

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