



2nd Sunday of Epiphany
January 25, 2026 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
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Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for all that You have given us. Help us to be empowered by Your Spirit to speak Your truth with others and to live our lives as You would have us live them. May we also be Your hands and feet in the world. Amen.

Song: ***The Lion And The Lamb***

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb
The lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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Song: ***Highlands (Song of Ascent)***

Oh how high would I climb
Mountains if the mountains
Were where You hide

Oh how far I'd scale
The valleys
If You graced the other side

Oh how long have I chased
Rivers from lowly seas
To where they rise

Against the rush of grace
Descending from the source
Of its supply

Cause in the highlands and
The heartache You're neither
More or less inclined

I would search and stop
At nothing You're just
Not that hard to find

I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when
The mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God within
The shadows
No less faithful when
The night leads me astray

Cause You're the heaven
Where my heart is
In the highlands and the
Heartache all the same

Oh how far beneath Your
Glory does Your kindness
Extend that path

From where Your feet rest
On the sunrise to where
You sweep the sinner's past

Oh how fast would you come
Running if just to shadow me
Through the night

Trace my steps through all
My failure and walk me
Out the other side

For who could dare ascent
That mountain that
Valleyed hill called Calvary

But for the one I called
Good Shepherd who like
A lamb was slain for me

I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when
The mountain's in my way

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Cause You're the heaven
Where my heart is
In the highlands an the
Heartache all the same

Whatever I walk through
Where I am You name
Can move mountains
Where I stand

And if ever I walk through
The valley of death I'll
Sing through the shadows

My song of ascent

Whatever I walk through
Where I am Your name
Can move mountains
Where I stand

And if ever I walk through
The valley of death I'll
Sing through the shadows
My song of ascent

From the gravest of all
Valleys come the pastures
We call grace

A mighty river flowing
Upwards from a deep
But empty grave

I will praise You on the
Mountain and I will
Praise You when the
Mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God
Within the shadows
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Scripture Exodus 18:17-23

"Moses' father-in-law replies, 'What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. But select capable men from all the peo-

ple—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you, if you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

Acts 6:1-6

“In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.’ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.”

John 4:21-24

“‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *“The Church Calibrating”* Pastor Ben Murray

Song: ***Always***

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You’re still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You’ll never change

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace
The God of creation, knows me by name
The Lord is faithful,
Yesterday, now, and always, always

Your mercy is mighty, age after age
All generations will bow down and praise

The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always....always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save, Oh...

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace
The God of creation, knows me by name
The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always, always

Your mercy is might, age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always....always

You were, You are, You always will be God
You were, You are, You always will be God
Yes, You always will be God....

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Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is *"...gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."* Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.

A: Amen.

L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church's ancient song:

A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Words Of Institution

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

Lord's Prayer

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.

How Deep The Father's Love

ALL: How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: ***God So Loved***

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the Water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, he will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him, will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there, with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him, will live forever

The power of Hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so love, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love

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From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
His amazing love

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Acts 6:3-4

Sermon Notes

The Church Calibrating

- ⇒ How should a church handle new hurdles?
- ⇒ Why do we prioritize skills and personality over character and Christ-likeness as Christians?
- ⇒ What is keeping you from being missions minded?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman