

Time After Epiphany

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Welcome to Gethsemane

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 trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

◆ = congregation stand as you are able

p. = page in front of hymnal

PRELUDE *In Thee Is Gladness* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW 886

GREETING

Beloved children of God, blessings in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who calls and forms us into the body of Christ. Through word and sacrament, we live as a community of the baptized, freed in Christ to serve for the sake of the whole world. Be attentive to the covenant God made with you in your baptism, to guide each of us in our life of faith, in this congregation and in the world. **Amen.**

KYRIE *Señor, Señor, ten piedad* p. 175

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have equipped us with a variety of gifts. Grant that we may be a faithful people as we live into the role of your disciples and use the authority of your name to declare peace to all. Prepare us to strive for justice and peace, knowing that you offer the hope of eternal life to everyone. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *King Jesus* Page/Shafferman

READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to ¹ those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

SERMON

HOLY BAPTISM OF Harper Sunny Bresin, daughter of Kyle Bresin and Elyssa

McIntyre

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SONG

The Baptism Song

L. H. Thompson

You are re - born, you are made new; You are God's
child to - day. You are washed in the wa - ter, —
blessed by the Word, part of God's fam' - ly to stay.

PRAYERS ... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

La paz del Señor sea con todos vosotros. **Y también con usted.**

OFFERING

I am the Light of Nations

H. Hopson

◆ HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Communion is served at front and back stations of the church.

Pick up a clay cup found in the front pews of each section.

Receive the bread and wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Those not communing are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Cordero de Dios

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◆ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

TRANSITION

Dismissal of children to mission projects; meet your Sunday School teacher in the gathering space.

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be
St. 1, 4

ELW 583

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

On our hearts and on our homes

The blessing of God.

In our coming and our going

The peace of God.

In our life and our believing

The love of God.

In our plans and new beginnings

The guidance of God.

Go in peace, engaged by God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

M. Burkhardt

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Worship Leaders

The entire congregation

Pastor John Nelson, Preaching

Pastor Sarah Moat, Presiding

Jeremy Wurpts, Assisting Minister

Marjorie Rackliffe, Lector

Mark Fidely, organ

Halo Children's Choir; Nancy Pearson, Director

Senior Choir/Voices of Praise

Paul McKenzie, Director of Music and Fine Arts

State of the Church

Celebrating What's Right and Taking the Next Steps

1. What can you celebrate and lift up in your faith life?
2. What do you feel we are doing right and should celebrate as a church?
3. How has God raised up Gethsemane to be a leaders in our community, past and present?
4. What "Next Step" of faith is God calling you personally to do?
5. What "Next Step" do you feel God is calling us as a congregation to do?



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