

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three



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Welcome to Augustana as we worship using our new Live Streaming ministry. This opportunity to worship together in real time helps to emphasize our oneness in Christ as we gather on this digital platform. To participate fully, you are encouraged to use this online bulletin each week, which is accessible on our website www.augustanadenver.org.

We are in the liturgical season of Epiphany (which means 'manifestation') During this time between Christmas and Lent, the scripture readings help us see Jesus as Savior and Messiah for the world, for all people, and for each one of us.

Prelude

"An Interlude" –Harold Darke Dan, organ

Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\Phi$  one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ♣ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to live out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. Amen.

## Gathering Song

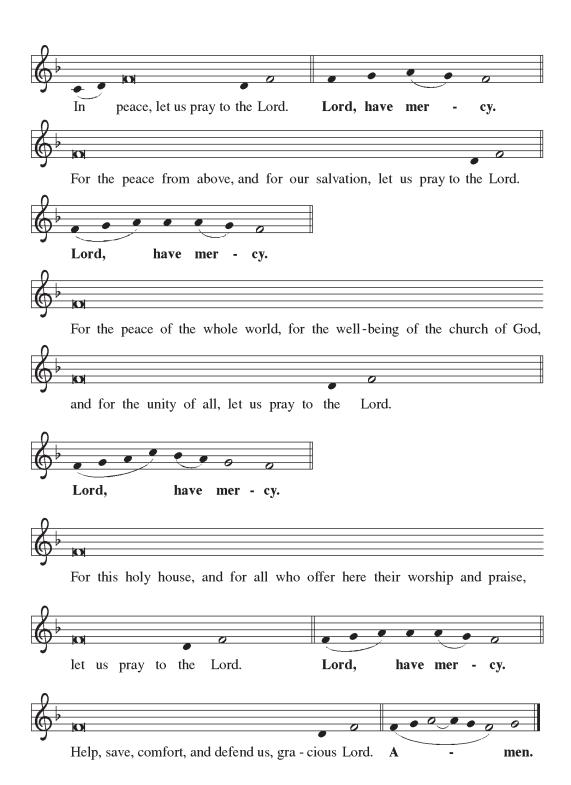
ELW 311: Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Music: FREUT EUCH, 1HR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

## 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.** 



# Canticle of Praise



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

# First Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm

#### Psalm 111

The refrain will be sung first by the cantor, then by the assembly, and again by the assembly after the verses as indicated.

#### Refrain:



Psalm 111:10

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<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are your | works, O LORD,

pondered by all who de- | light in them.

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,

and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

<sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to | be remembered;

you are gracious and full | of compassion. Refrain

<sup>5</sup>You give food to | those who fear you,

remembering forev- | er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power | of your works

in giving them the lands | of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;

all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forev- | er and ever,

because they are done in | truth and equity. Refrain

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;

holy and awesome | is your name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;

all who practice this have a good understanding.

God's praise en- | dures forever. Refrain

## Second Reading

#### Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and 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." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They 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." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

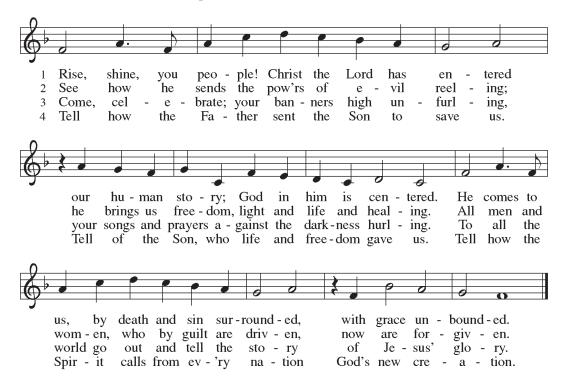
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Pastor Ann Hultquist

#### Hymn of the Day

ELW 665: Rise, Shine, You People!



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### 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

After each petition:

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

## Offertory Anthem

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" —Elizabeth Poston AVE

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

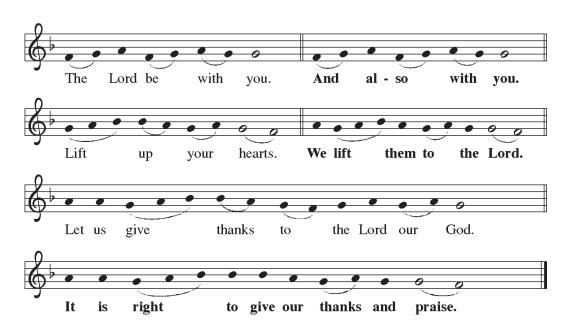
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

-from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, 1784

### Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

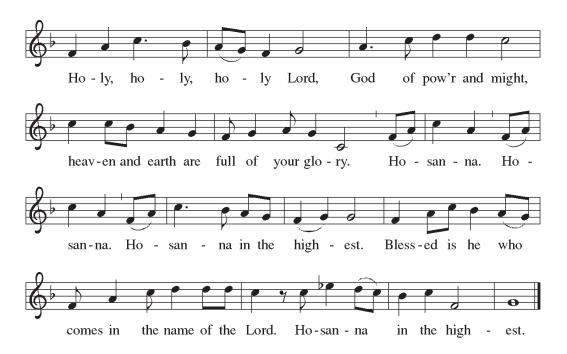
## Great Thanksgiving



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:



## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

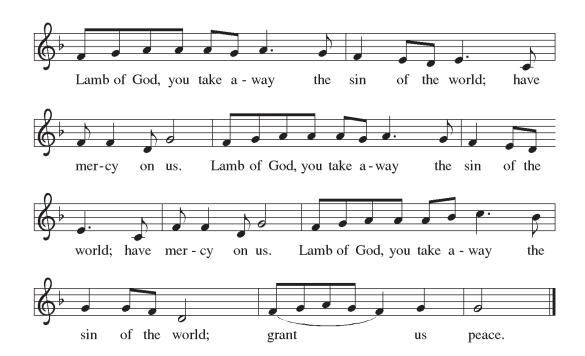
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### 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.

## Holy Communion

We are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other across time and place through our baptisms. In this same Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. You may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one even though we gather separately for now.



## Communion Blessing

## Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.** 

#### Blessing

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ★ keep you in peace. Amen.

### Sending Song

**ELW 310: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** 



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

"Fugue in C Major, BWV 545" –J.S. Bach Daniel Romero, organ

Flowers for worship this morning are given in memory of Cindy Brogren by her sisters, Candace, Cameron, and Kay Olson.

#### Welcome!

- To download a copy of this morning's sermon, visit Augustana's website, <a href="www.augustanadenver.org">www.augustanadenver.org</a>, and click on Online Worship/Devotions.
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#### Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

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#### Online Bible Studies with Pastors

Join the preaching pastor, Sunday, 9–9:45 a.m., for a deeper dive into the worship readings for that Sunday as we grow in faith together. Sign up here to access the Zoom link through our weekly email, the Augustana ePistle.

#### Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Weekly Faith Formation videos for children age 4 through 4th grade are available each Sunday through <u>Augustana's website (www.augustanadenver.org)</u>.

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#### Online Coffee Hour

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### We Are One at 1:00

Online devotions, "We Are One at 1:00," is offered at 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday on Augustana's Facebook page, or watch them later at your convenience (www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/ or www.augustanadenver.org).

## Listen to Dial-a-Care!

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