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## The Third Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m., Sunday, January 23, 2022

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are singing the hymns and liturgy these days — grateful as we always are for the leadership of our Immanuel Choir. Because singing is a forceful way of breathing, the Task Force invites people who have not been vaccinated to sit in the balcony. It is an option that would help protect you.

Because of Omicron and the upsurge of COVID cases in our land, we ask that everyone wear a mask nowadays, even if you are vaccinated. Also, we worry about the elderly and people with weakened immune systems — we worry about them for Coffee Hour in the undercroft. It is the same as in restaurants: people take off their masks to eat. So, we are seeking to comply with NYC vaccination mandates: Please do not eat in the undercroft unless you are vaccinated.

Pastor Carol and I and our whole congregation extend warm greetings to you this festival day. If you are new in town or do not yet have a church home, please consider joining our congregation. We have included a contact information insert in this worship folder, and we hope we can meet with you at your convenience. Send Pastor Carol an email sometime: ceafryer@gmail.com.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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## *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three*

PRELUDE

*Heures Mystiques: Lento - Cantabile*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

THE BELLS

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** 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

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

- 1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
  
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.
  
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

#### APOSTOLIC 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.**

KYRIE (*Next page*)

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. G Lord, have mer-cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. G A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE, *next page*





**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther: We wor - ship



you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



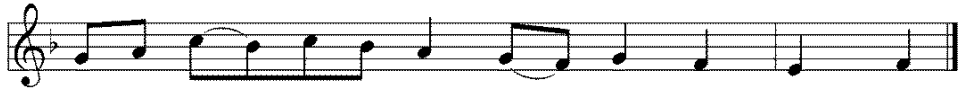
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON .....Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, RSV  
*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the LORD is their strength.*

<sup>1</sup>And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law... <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God; and all the people answered,



“Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground... <sup>8</sup>And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 19 LBW

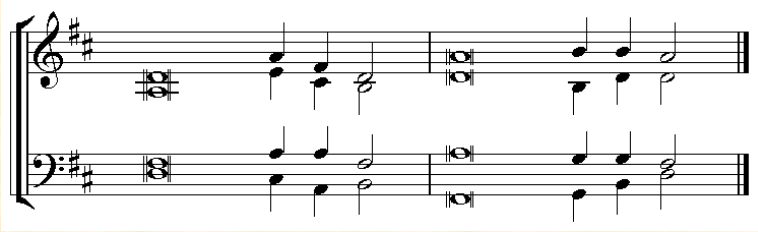


<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God,\*  
and the firmament / shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale / to another,\***  
**and one night imparts knowledge / to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no / words or language,\*  
and their voices / are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out in- / to all lands,\***  
**and their message to the ends / of the world.**



<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion / for the sun;\*

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to / run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of / it again;\***  
**nothing is hidden from its / burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re- / vives the soul;\*

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom / to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- / joice the heart;\***

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light / to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- / dures forever;\*

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous / altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey / in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- / vant enlightened,\*

and in keeping them there is / great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often / he offends?\***

**Cleanse me from my / secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion / over me;\*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a / great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable / in your sight,\***

**O LORD, my strength and / my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON .....1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, NRSV

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>13</sup>For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -- and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single organ, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators,

speakers in various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel*

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: **Alleluia.**

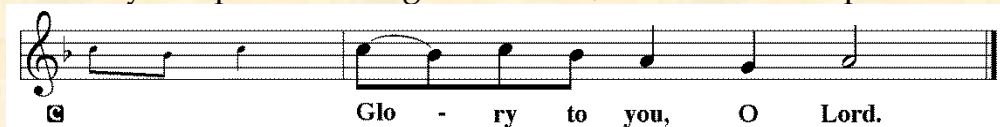
Verse: You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,\*  
and to the ends of the earth.

All: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL ..... Luke 4:14-21, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fourth Chapter:



<sup>14</sup>And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he

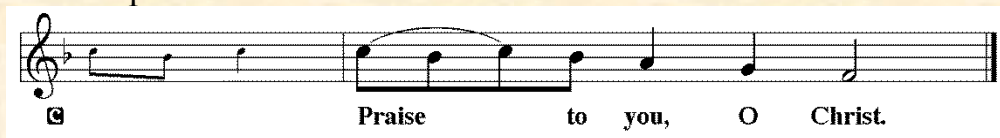


stood up to read; <sup>17</sup>and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup>And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN WOV 723

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

CHESTERFIELD

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.

4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

*Sit*

SERMON

*Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.*

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ 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.**

INTERCESSIONS



# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

*Sit*

THE OFFERING *You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:*



*Or you can donate via this link: [Donate](#) Here are some other options for giving: [Ways to Give](#)*

*The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar.  
The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.*

Anthem *The Spacious Firmament on High* Joseph Addison (1672-1710)  
*Adapted from Haydn's oratorio "The Creation"*  
Michael Celentano, tenor

The spacious firmament on high,  
With all the blue ethereal sky,  
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame  
Their great Original proclaim.  
Th' unwearied sun from day to day,  
Does his Creator's powers display,  
And publishes to every land  
The work of an almighty hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail  
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,  
And nightly to the list'ning earth  
Repeats the story of her birth;  
While all the stars that round her burn  
And all the planets in their turn,  
Confirm the tidings as they roll,  
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all  
Move round this dark terrestrial ball?  
What though no real voice nor sound  
Amidst their radiant orbs be found?  
In reason's ear they all rejoice,  
And utter forth a glorious voice,  
Forever singing, as they shine,  
'The hand that made us is divine.'

*Offertory Prayer*

**A** Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us --  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

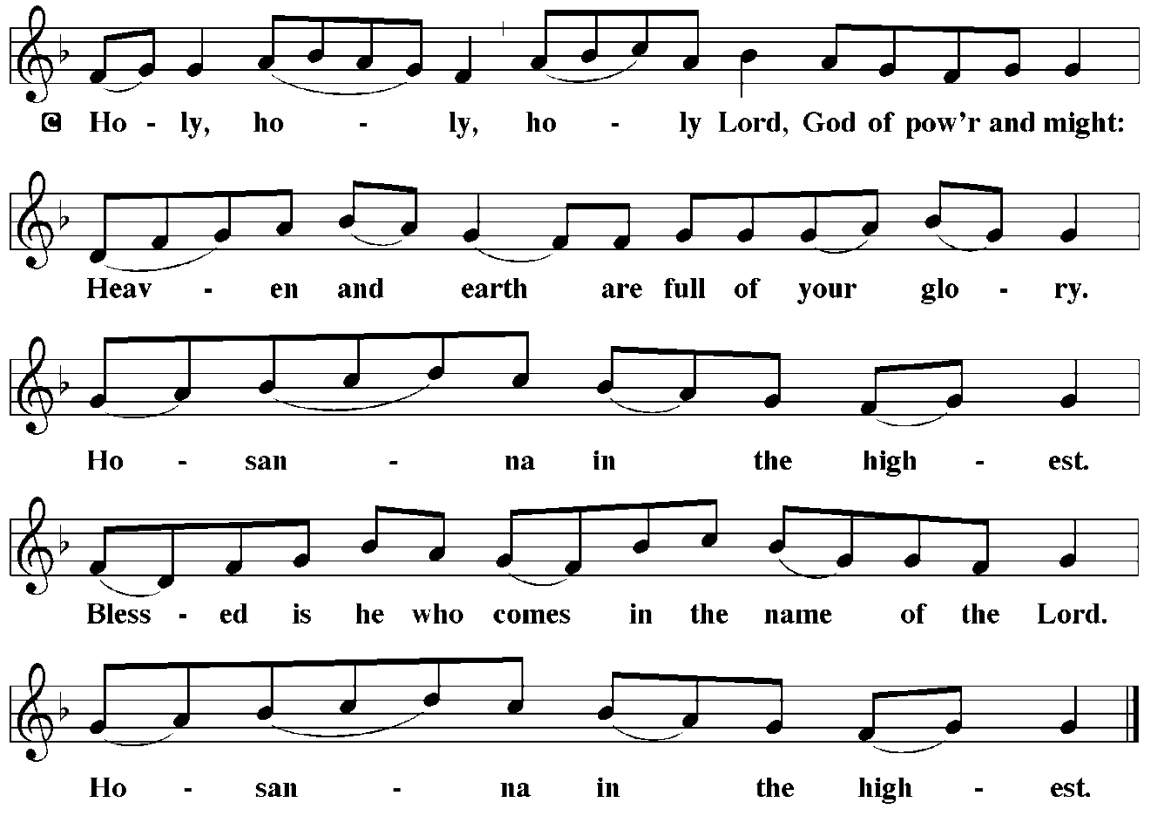


**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### *Preface for Epiphany*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*



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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

☐ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**☩** Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**☩** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**☩** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours,  
 al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

*The 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.

THE FRACTION. *The host is broken.*



## Agnus Dei

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. A - men

*Sit*

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

✦ If you are home during this pandemic, worshipping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in *Forum Letter*

(May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion meditation: *Suite Gothique: Priere* Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

HYMN LBW 209

*Come, Risen Lord*

KNICKERBOCKER

- 1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine.  
Thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.
- 2 We meet, as in that upper room they met.  
Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand.  
"This is my body"; so thou givest yet;  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
- 3 One body we, one body who partake,  
one church united in communion blest,  
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

- 4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Savior and one living head.  
Then open thou our eyes, that we may see;  
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

Text: George W. Briggs, 1875-1959, alt.

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*When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the post-communion blessing:*

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## Dismissal

BLESSING

HYMN LBW 559     *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.

- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;  
he sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood avails for me.
- 5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      *Heures Mystiques: Sortie in F* Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## Parish Announcements

- ✦ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
- ✦ VOTERS ASSEMBLY will be held today following the worship service in the undercroft. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect leaders and to consider the budget for 2022.
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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Davida Goldman, Rev. David McGettigan, Ken Richardson (husband of former choir member Lisa Richardson), Tony Cull, (friend of Donald Kerr), Cynthia Uzzo, Charles Schramm (retired Music Director of this congregation).

## Service Notes

Music Director ..... Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
Cantor ..... Michael Celentano  
Greeters/Ushers..... Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Ed Indelicati, Luz Ortiz  
Lector ..... Richard Schreiber  
Assisting Minister and Preacher..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer  
Presiding Minister ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer



## Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✠ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✠ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- ✠ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✠ Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.



- ✝ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- ✝ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me,” and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service, either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.
- ✝ Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (“LBW”). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* (“WOV”) or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (“ELW”).
- ✝ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.
- ✝ This congregation is a member of the NALC – the “North American Lutheran Church.” The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel W. Selbo.

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HOLY COMMUNION.....	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION .....	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL .....	Sundays at 10 a.m. in the undercroft
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ..	6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room
PARISH SECRETARY .....	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
SEXTON .....	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER .....	Charles Derderian
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC .....	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
PASTOR .....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
SENIOR PASTOR .....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

### *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR .....	Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128
MEALS ON HEELS .....	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

**W**e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).

✝ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the

Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.

- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
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- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact either Pastor Fryer.
- ✦ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

