

**Welcome**  
to  
**Hope Episcopal Church**

We welcome you to this celebration of God's Good News!  
Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome here!

May God's blessing and peace be with you.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Bishop of Missouri*  
The Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*  
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*  
Chris Sturgeon, *Contemporary Music Director*  
Debbie Boles, *Parish Administrator*



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**Liturgical Participants for January 29, 2023**

Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Kathy Joslin, *Eucharistic Minister*  
Mickey Harrison, *Lector*  
Carol Link, *Usher*  
Bobbi Reese, Bethany Barr, Bernard Barth, Katharine Brown,  
Heidi Hoffman Brown, Connor Donnelly, Jennifer Holtmann,  
Julie Nguyen, Joanne Owen, Dr. Sue Singer, Vicki Thompson,  
Marion Lyons-Koch, Julie Nguyen and Chris Sturgeon, *Musicians*  
Carie Kennedy, Mike Burd, *Counters*  
Carol Link, Brenda Finch, Carie Kennedy, Kathy Joslin, *Altar Guild*  
Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, *Videography*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### HOLY EUCHARIST

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Please stand.*

**Opening Hymn**      Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!      Hymn 438

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### SONG OF PRAISE

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

1. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ We have come in - to His house and  
2. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ So for - get a - bout your - self and  
3. wor - ship Him, \_\_\_\_\_ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

1. gath-ered in His name to wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ We have  
 2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ So for -  
 3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; \_\_\_\_\_ Let us

1. come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
 2. get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
 3. lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Christ, the Lord,      Wor-ship Him,      Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## THE OPENING COLLECT

*Celebrant:* Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

### **THE FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 15**      *Domine, quis habitabit?*      *(Read responsively)*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,  
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**In his sight the wicked is rejected,  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

He has sworn to do no wrong  
and does not take back his word.

**He does not give his money in hope of gain,  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things  
shall never be overthrown.

## THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

Blest are the pure in heart

Hymn 656

## **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

Rev. C. Earl Mahan

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Please stand.*

**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People may kneel or stand.*

*Leader:* Contend with us, O Lord our God, that we might rise to the light shone forth in Jesus Christ, determined to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you:

*People:* **With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

*Leader:* You brought us up from Egypt, and from the house of slavery, and sent before us Moses, Aaron and Miriam; so now inscribe your ways onto our hearts by the power of the Spirit:

*People:* **With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

*Leader:* Empower our bishops to give voice to your way, remembering especially (intercessions for the Church may be offered). Strengthen all the people of this parish, for not many are wise, nor powerful, nor noble; that you might be our source of life, our righteousness, sanctification and redemption:

*People:* **With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

*Leader:* Give counsel to the nations, O God, praying especially for these United States, for our President, our Congress and Supreme Court, for this State and for our Governor, that those in authority might labor for the poor and needy, and that their just dealing would prove clear as the noonday:

*People:* **With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

*Leader:* We intercede for our sick, remembering especially (*the people may offer their petitions*), for those who mourn and for those who have died (*the people may offer their petitions*) and for the troubled, lonely and downcast:

*People:* **With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

*Leader:* Bless the poor in spirit and the meek, those who hunger for righteousness and thirst for mercy, the pure in heart, the persecuted, and the peacemakers; for we would see your kingdom:

*People:* **With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

*Silence*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Music**

*Marion Lyons-Koch, Julie Nguyen and Chris Sturgeon*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

The first system of the musical score for 'Sanctus' is in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note 'Ho' followed by quarter notes 'ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly' and a half note 'Lord God of hosts'. The piano accompaniment starts with a forte dynamic and features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Heav-en and earth are full— of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note 'Heav-en and earth are full—' followed by quarter notes 'of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na— in the

The third system features a half note 'high-est.' followed by quarter notes 'Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na— in the'. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes— in the name of the

The fourth system begins with a half note 'high - est.' followed by quarter notes 'Bless-ed is he who comes— in the name of the'. The piano accompaniment maintains the harmonic structure.

Lord.— Ho - san - na— in the high - est.

The fifth and final system on this page shows a half note 'Lord.—' followed by quarter notes 'Ho - san - na— in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord and a fermata over the last note.

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People:* **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 BREAKING OF BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* We break the Bread of Life and that life is the Light of the World.

*People:* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## Fraction Anthem

The image shows a musical score for a Fraction Anthem. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 82. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, drink this Cup, when we eat this Bread and drink this drink this Cup,". The word "Cup," is written above the treble staff and below the bass staff at the end of each phrase. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

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Cup, we pro - claim, we pro - claim\_ your\_ Death, O\_

12

a - gain.

Lord, un - til you come a, come\_ a - gain.

a - gain.

## THE INVITATION

*Celebrant:* This is the banquet of the Lamb.

It is made ready for those who love God,  
and for those who want to love God more.

So, come you who have much faith, and you who have little;  
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long;  
You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invites you;  
it is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God!

*Please be seated.*

## Communion Music

*If a Eucharistic visitor is to be sent, the following prayer is said. If no Eucharistic visitor is sent, the service continues with the Post-Communion Prayer.*

## **PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Please kneel or stand.*

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The people may kneel or stand.*

*People:* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**Closing Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymn 616 vs. 1, 2, 3

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**