

# The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



A Service of Lessons and Music

***January 29, 2023***

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church*

*Brooklyn Center, MN*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**HANDBELLS                    All Glory, Laud and Honor**

*\*\*Please stand as you're able.\*\**

**MUSIC                    Rise, Shine, You People                    #665**

<b>Verse 1</b> Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.	<b>Verse 3</b> Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.
<b>Verse 2</b> See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.	<b>Verse 4</b> Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

*\*\* Please be seated\*\**

**SCRIPTURE READING                    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!

- **Want to Know More About COG?** - We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali ([atranvik@crossofglory.us](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us)).



**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Mavis Wold          | Nancy Hengel              |
| Shar Lauster        | Lorraine Clinton          |
| Norma Gilbertson    | Laura McClanahan          |
| Don & Karen Earnest | Loved ones of Chet Janasz |
| Rachel Marquardt    | Loved ones of Jane Pieri  |
| Audrey Swanberg     |                           |
| Jeannie Kuzmich     |                           |

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office ([office@crossofglory.us](mailto:office@crossofglory.us)) or call 763-533-8602.*

You are also welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instructions can be found at the prayer wall.

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

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**POEM** **I Will Light Candles** **by Howard Thurman**

**MUSIC** **Let Justice Roll Down** **(Gibson)**

<b>Chorus</b> Let justice roll down like a river. Let justice roll down like a sea. Let justice roll down like a river. Let justice begin through me.	<b>Verse 2</b> Justice for those who are homeless, Victims of warfare or need, Trapped on the borders of nowhere, Lost in the canyons of greed.
<b>Verse 1</b> Justice for all who go hungry, Crying to God to be fed, Left in a world of abundance To beg for a morsel of bread.	<b>Verse 3</b> Justice for all who are pow'rless, Yearning for freedom in vain, Plundered and robbed of their birthright, Silently bearing their pain.

**SCRIPTURE READING      1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

For 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.’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM      In the Ways of Your Judgement      K. Lee Scott**

**POEM      A Blessing      by St. Francis**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Coffee Fellowship** - You’re invited to stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship. If you’re able to help with set-up or clean-up in coming weeks, please sign up at the welcome desk. We’re grateful for the hands that make possible this time together!
- **Table Talks** - Join us today for our monthly education hour where we explore various topics of faith in everyday life. As we begin the new year and many take on new resolutions and rituals, we’ll be exploring the topic “Faith + Ritual.” Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with questions.
- **2023 Offering Envelopes** - If you haven’t had the chance to pick yours up yet, check the welcome table, or stop by anytime M-W 10-2. If you’d like envelopes mailed to you, please reach out to the church office.
- **Community Meals** - On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in Fellowship Hall.
- **Confirmation** - Confirmation students meet this coming Wednesday, Feb 1 at 7 pm...come early for pizza!
- **Funeral of Jane Pieri** - The COG community is invited to the funeral of Jane Pieri, beloved member of COG and child of God, on Tues, Jan 31. Visitation is at 10 am, service at 11, and a luncheon will follow.
- **Bible Study** - Due to Tuesday’s funeral, we will not gather for Bible Study this week. We’ll resume next Tues, Feb 7.
- **Guest Preacher** - We look forward to welcoming guest preacher, Jon V. Anderson, former bishop of the Southwestern MN Synod and current director of rural ministry at Luther Seminary, on Feb 12.
- **Care & Visitation** - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know (office@crossofglory.us).

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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MUSIC Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory #561

**Verse 1**  
Joyous light of heav'nly glory,  
loving glow of God's own face,  
you who sing creation's story,  
shine on ev'ry land and race.  
Now as evening falls around us,  
we shall raise our songs to you.  
God of daybreak, God of shadows,  
come and light our hearts anew.

**Verse 2**  
In the stars that grace the  
darkness,  
in the blazing sun of dawn,  
in the light of peace and wisdom,  
we can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with

wonder,  
love that warms the weary soul,  
love that bursts all chains asunder,  
set us free and make us whole.

**Verse 3**  
You who made the heaven's  
splendor,  
ev'ry dancing star of night,  
make us shine with gentle justice,  
let us each reflect your light.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
gentle Christ who lights our way,  
loving Spirit of salvation,  
lead us on to endless day.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12

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.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**POEM                      A Future Not our Own                      by Oscar Romero**

**MUSIC                      Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me                      Robinson, Farren, Thompson**

**Verse 1**  
What gift of grace  
is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more  
for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy,  
my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

**Verse 3**  
No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure  
the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled  
and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised  
to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold:  
my sin has been defeated.

Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released.  
I can sing I am free.  
Yet not I but through  
Christ in me

**Verse 4**  
With every breath  
I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said  
that he will bring me home.  
And day by day  
I know he will renew me  
Until I stand  
ith joy before the throne.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Ending**  
When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage.  
Not knowing where we go,  
But only that your hand is leading us,  
And your love supporting us,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen!**

**MUSIC                      Raise a Hallelujah                      (Helser/Skaggs/Stevens)**

*Kids are invited to grab an instrument and play along on the last song of the service.  
Instruments can be found in the basket of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. Pick  
an instrument, return to your seats, and make a joyful noise!*

**Verse 1**  
I raise a hallelujah  
in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah  
louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
My weapon is a melody.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.

**Chorus**  
I'm gonna sing  
in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're  
gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.  
Death is defeated.  
The King is alive!

**Verse 2**  
I raise a hallelujah  
with everything inside of me.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah

In the middle of the mystery.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Fear, you lost your hold on me.  
(Chorus)

**Bridge 1**  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.

**Bridge 2**  
Sing a little louder  
in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder  
louder than the unbelief.  
Sing a little louder.  
My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.  
(Repeat)  
(Chorus 2x)

**Ending**  
I raise a hallelujah...



MUSIC

God So Loved

Cash/Bergthold

**Verse 1**  
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.

**Verse 2**  
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

**Chorus 1**  
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.

**Verse 3**  
Bring all your failures.  
Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down  
at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*\*\*Please stand as you're able.\*\**

**PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE**

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures  
of which we cannot see the ending,  
By paths as yet untrodden,**

**Chorus 2**  
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 loved,  
God so loved the world.

**Bridge**  
Praise God, praise God,  
From whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, praise God,  
For the wonders of God's love.

**Chorus 3**  
For God so loved the world  
that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save.  
(Chorus 2)

**Verse 4**  
Bring all your failures.  
Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down  
at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting.  
God so loved the world.

*\*\* Please stand as you are able \*\**

CONFESSIO

OF FAITH

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**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**  
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**A: And also with you.**  
P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*\*\* Please be seated\*\**

MUSIC	Beautiful Savior	#838
<b>Verse 1</b> Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!	Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.	

**Verse 3**

Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

**Verse 4**

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**OFFERING**

*Thanks for giving with good courage toward the work that God is doing among us! We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!*



**MUSIC      When A Star is Shining      #915**

**Verse 1**

When a star is shining  
over eastern hills,  
when the air is silent,  
and the clamor stills,  
when the night is waiting,  
and the old hopes rise,  
then the time has ripened  
and the heart grows wise.

**Refrain**

Lead us on, lead us on,  
to a morning where the  
promise shines.  
Lead us on, lead us on,  
to a morning where the  
promise shines.

**Verse 2**

Where the world is waiting  
for an unknown day,  
where a voice forgotten cries,  
"Prepare the way!"  
Where an earthly power  
makes the heart turn cold,  
there the gifts are offered—  
Incense, myrrh, and gold. *Refrain*

**Verse 3**

Lead us on, O Daystar,  
in the quiet night;  
guide us through the shadow  
with your gentle light;  
show us in a manger  
our redemption's sign  
bring us to a morning where  
the promise shines. *Refrain*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People. Here's how:*

- 1. Take a paper star (located at the end of your pew) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.*
- 2. Come forward to hang your star on the Christmas tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.*
- 3. Return to your seat, and spend the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor.*
- 4. You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying. Tip: keep it in a place--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--where you'll see it often and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer in your own!*

*\*NOTE: If you need assistance hanging your star or retrieving someone else's, cue an usher and we'll be glad to assist you.*

P: And now let us pray:  
God of light, as we journey through the wilderness, you are our bright star,

**All: guide us.**

As we navigate rough terrain, as we struggle to find our footing,

**All: accompany us.**

As we stumble and stray, searching for life in all the wrong places,

**All: lead us home by another way.**

As we wonder where to find you,

**All: surprise us.**

Be our awakening.

**All: Be our epiphany.**

Form us as we pray,

**All: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us... **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.**