



**Processional Hymn**                      **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love**                      **(H 602)**

***Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

*1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain***

*2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. **Refrain***

*3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain***

*4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you. **Refrain***

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

People:    **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.    (S-277)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.                      **People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us Pray

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
The Word of the Lord.      People      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 146**

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## **A Reading from the letter of James**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of

the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn                      Breathe on Me, Breath of God                      (H.508 v.2)**

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

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

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon    The Rev. Peter Steinbrenner**

**Nicene Creed**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Presiding Bishop Michael, Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean, our Bishop Elizabeth and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

#### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **Celebrations of Life – Welcome visitors – Blessings, Birthdays, and Anniversaries For a Birthday**

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understand abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For an Anniversary**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

*All persons regardless of their denomination or age are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten free communion is available.*

## **Presentation of the Elements**

**Offertory Anthem**

**We Are One with You, O Lord**

**Jay Althouse**

**Presentation of Offering**

**From all the dwell below the Skies**

**(H. 380 v.3)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts

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

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

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (S-124)**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say;

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (S-154)***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn      Heal me, hands of Jesus      (WLP 773)**

*1 Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain: restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.*

*2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away; let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.*

*3 Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin; dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.*

*4 Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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**

**Recessional Hymn      O for a thousand tongues to sing      (H 493)**

*1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear 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 and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.*

*3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

*5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!*

*6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

**Dismissal:** Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:      Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements**

**Church School:** Please register for Church School. Forms are available in the narthex. Church School starts **TODAY** with the Annual Ice Cream Social.

**Faith Matters:** Please join us on Sunday morning at 9:00 am for Faith Matters.

**Next Sunday:** Sunday, September 15 at 9am, the Bishop's Canon to the Ordinary, Fr Michael Foley, joins us to discuss next steps in searching for our new Rector. Come to the 8am and stay or come to the 10 am early. **Fr Michael will speak at 9am.**

**Morning Prayer:** Please join us for Morning Prayer on Friday at 10 am. This starts September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Nave.

**Flowers on the Altar:** If you desire to remember a loved one or have an in thanksgiving for, please use the yellow form in the Narthex. Please place form and check in the Alms Basin or give to the Parish Administrator.

**Concert:** Don't miss out on a phenomenal concert on **September 14, at 5:00 pm, featuring Jae Ahn-Benton.** Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Students, and can be purchased at the door. Come and support Jae and our Music Ministry!

**St Jude's Ranch for Children Tour:** The Epiphany Stewardship Committee has arranged a tour of St. Jude's Ranch for Children (one of the ministries we support) in Boulder City with Dr. Christina Vela, Chief Executive Director, for Saturday, September 28th, at 10 a.m. Contact: Father Peter. Two options: Carpool from Epiphany or drive directly to the Ranch. Address: 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City. Please sign up in the narthex.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Saturday, October 5th from 3pm - 5pm at Epiphany Episcopal Church. Please sign up in the Narthex after Sunday services. Blessings, treats and photos for your pets and Hamburgers for their parents. Feel free to invite your friends and family too!

*Please send any announcements for the bulletin and newsletter at  
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and to love Jesus Christ***

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