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PRELUDE**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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GATHERING HYMN O Day of Rest and Gladness #521 (red hymnal, rear section)

**O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.**

**Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.**

**New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.**

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 (Spanish setting)

page 175 (red hymnal, front part)

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together ... **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31

The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 40th chapter, beginning with the 21st verse.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is the One who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

**Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when God blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.**

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
The One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

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”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable.
God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
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.**

PSALM 147:1-11, 20

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

God rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

God **counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

God **lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to God with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

who covers the heavens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

God is not impressed by the might of a horse,

and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,

in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

REFRAIN

Leader: Listen now for the gospel! **People: Alleluia!**

Leader: It is God's word that changes us! **People: Alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone,
until we give our lives to God, and God alone.**

REFRAIN

**Come, Holy Spirit root in us God's living word,
that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.**

REFRAIN

**Come, Holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost,
confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost.**

REFRAIN

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:29-39

The gospel lesson for this Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany is from Mark, the first chapter, beginning with the 29th verse.

Glory to you, O God.

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue,
 they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.
 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.
Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.
And the whole city was gathered around the door.
 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons;
 and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place,
 and there he prayed.
 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.
When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."
 He answered,
 "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also;
 for that is what I came out to do."
 And he went throughout Galilee,
 proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN **The Church's One Foundation #654** (red hymnal, rear section)

**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.**

**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 on holy food,
 and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 yet saints their watch are keeping; they cry goes up, "How long?"
 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**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.**

**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,
and we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 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 THE PEOPLE

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need, especially,

- Jean Senter – Problem with knee
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha's cousin – heart problems

- Dick Williams – general health issues
- Katie Edson and family who are grieving the loss of Mercedes
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from health issues
- Elaine Grawe – relocating to be near her son
- Nancy Padilla – going through multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – Home from Bayside and recovering
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple health issues
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport
- Aaron Brochtrup - returning to work, and continuing to recover
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- For Sally and Jennifer and the family of Marcia Shep who passed on Dec. 27
- James Hecker- undergoing hyperbaric oxygen therapy for serious infection
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Carol Frasier, Connor and Lanaya Schuldt and Ken Foran who celebrate their birthdays this week

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God, who knows when the smallest bird falls, we lift up others before you who are in need of our prayers, especially,

[You may name out loud or in your hearts those in need of our prayers.]

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING SONG

Come and See

Makeever

REFRAIN

We have found the Messiah in the water.

We have found the Messiah on the road to Galilee, found the Messiah.

Come and See! O Come and See!

When John saw the Spirit in the Holy Dove – Come and See, O Come and See! –

Come down to rest on the Light of Love – Come and See, O Come and See!

REFRAIN

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away – Come and See, O Come and See! –

The sin and the evil of the world today – Come and See, O Come and See!

REFRAIN

When we ask Jesus where do you stay – Come and See, O Come and See! –

Come follow me and I will show the way – Come and See, O Come and See!

REFRAIN

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us prayer together ... **Blessed are you, Holy One,**
for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,

that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Holy, Holy

p. 181 (red hymnal, front section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God,
 God of might and power; holy is the Lord.
 Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,
 God of might and power; holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
 and gave it to his disciples saying,
 “Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 “Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord 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.**

LAMB OF GOD

p.182 (red hymnal, front section)

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together ... Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **Great is Thy Faithfulness #733** (red hymnal, rear section)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

REFRAIN

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

REFRAIN

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

REFRAIN

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer**, for being worship assistant.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer, Nikki Rocha and Kathie Sperow** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla and Janet Lorenzo**, for setting up and welcoming on Sundays.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, Mike Lorenzo and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight on Zoom at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing the movie *Mass*, a 2021 production. It's a heavy watch, but very worthwhile, if you can watch it.
- **Coffee Club** will meet tomorrow starting at 9:00 am at The Inn at Morro Bay (near the golf course). All are welcome!
- **Confirmation** will meet tomorrow, February 5th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing and reading about *Jesus in the Gospel of John*.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will be on Tuesday, February 6th, starting at 10:00 am on Zoom. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group.
- **Pastor Mary's class** on *The Parables of Jesus: Parables of Grace* will continue this Tuesday, February 6th, 1:10 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house on 1302 17th St. in Los Osos.

- **Bible Study** is on Wednesday, February 7th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *Paul's Calling*.
- We will have a **reception of new members** on Sunday, February 11th during worship. Please speak with Pastor Brian if you wish to join Calvary Lutheran Church at this time.
- Make plans now for **mid-week Lent services**, starting with **Ash Wednesday** worship on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The service will include confession, the imposition of ashes and holy communion. Subsequent **Lent soup suppers and brief worship** will begin on February 21st for five Wednesdays, with supper at 5:30 pm and worship starting around 6:15 pm.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**