

Redeemer Lutheran Church

You have a place at God's table. You have a place here.



...so that your
faith might not
rest in the wisdom
of men but
in the power
of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Sara Gorman

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 97)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve
you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Meet With Me*

♩=94 VERSE

A/C# D² E A A/C# D²

I'm here _ to meet _ with You, _ come _ and meet .

4 E A A/C# D² E F#m⁷ A/C# D²

_ with me. _ I'm here _ to find _ You, _ re - veal _ Your - self .

CHORUS

8 E A A/C# D² E A

_ to me. As I wait _ You make _ me strong, _ as I long .

11 A/C# D² E A A/C# D²

_ You draw me to _ Your _ arms; _ As I stand _ and sing .

14 E A A/C# D²

_ Your praise _ You come, _ You come _ and You fill _

16 E A A/C# D² E A

_ this _ place. Won't You come, _ won't You come and fill _ this _ place? _

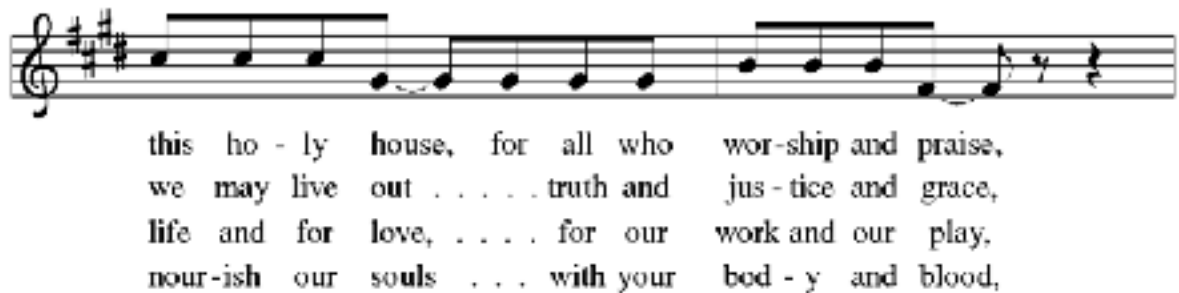
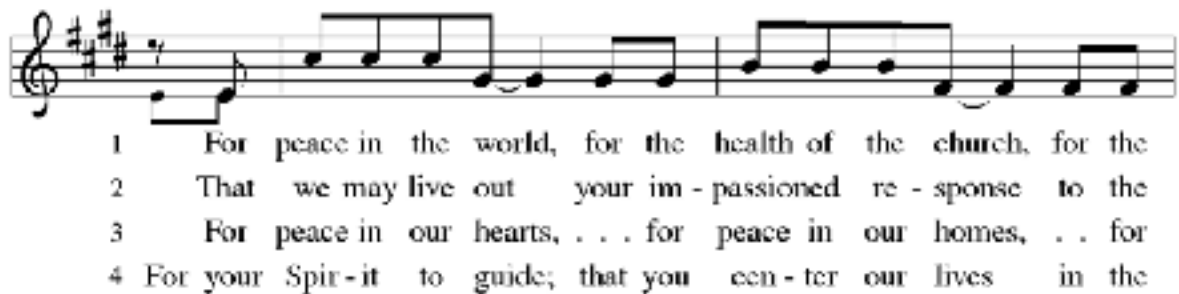
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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

C Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

R A reading from Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not

one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Lift My Eyes Up*

Verse

I lift my eyes up to the mountains

Where does my help come from

My help comes from You maker of heaven

Creator of the earth (*SING TWICE*)

Chorus

Oh how I need You Lord
You are my only hope
You're my only friend
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life (*SING TWICE*)

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Please stand.

CREED

**C 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 power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offertory Song: *Instrumental*

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray,
C **Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

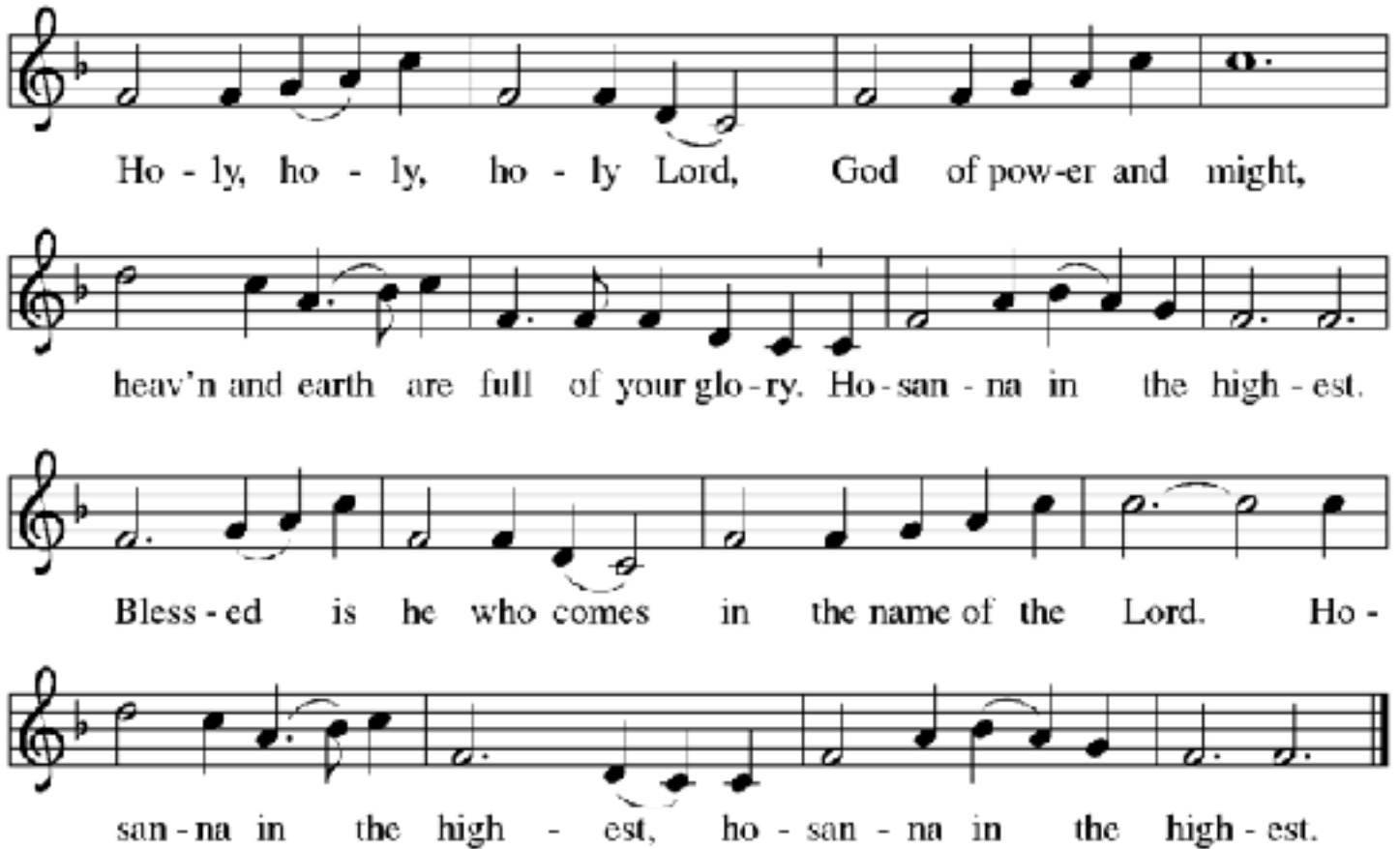
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.
C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's table. You do not need to be a member of this congregation nor a Lutheran. Communion is a gift from God for the people of God, no matter where they are on their faith journey.

Gluten-free bread is available, as is grape juice. If you have questions about Baptism, Holy Communion, or faith, please take a moment and speak with the pastor.

COMMUNION SONGS

Holy Ground

Words and Music by
Christopher Beatty

VERSE

D

G/D



1. This is ho - ly ground; _____ We're stand - ing on ho - ly ground, _____
2. These are ho - ly hands; _____ He's giv - en us ho - ly hands. _____
3. These are ho - ly lips; _____ He's giv - en us ho - ly lips. _____

4

D

G

D

Em⁷



— for the Lord is pres - ent and where He is is ho - ly. _____
— He works through these hands _ and so these hands are ho - ly. _____
— He speaks through these lips _____ and so these lips are ho - ly. _____

8

A⁷

D

G/D



— This is ho - ly ground; _____ We're stand - ing on ho - ly ground, _____
— These are ho - ly hands; _____ He's giv - en us ho - ly hands. _____
— These are ho - ly lips; _____ He's giv - en us ho - ly lips. _____

12

D

Em

A^{7sus} A⁷

G/D

D



— for the Lord is pres - ent and where He is is ho - ly. _____
— He works through these hands _ and so these hands are ho - ly. _____
— He speaks through these lips, _____ and so these lips are ho - ly. _____

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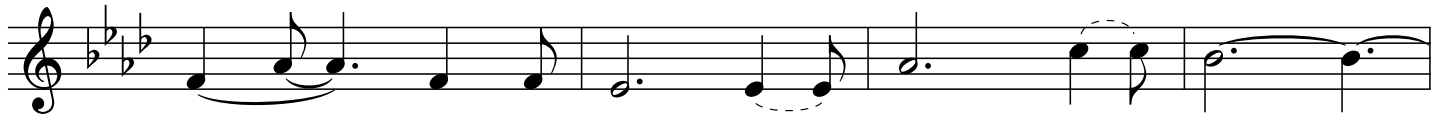
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Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD, 66 9 D; George N. Allen; arr. by Kelly Dobbs Mickus, b.1966

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Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Words by
Elisha Albright Hoffman

Music by
Anthony J. Showalter

♩ = 108 VERSE

A \flat

D \flat

A \flat



1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

4 E \flat A \flat D \flat A \flat /E \flat



-last - ing arms; What a bless - ed-ness, what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
-last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
-last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

CHORUS

8 E \flat 7 A \flat A \flat D \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat



-last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
-last - ing arms.
-last - ing arms.

13 A \flat D \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat 7 A \flat



Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You (*Sing twice*)

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy

I want to see You (*Sing twice – second time a capella*)

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.



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Important Announcements

Check the weekly email (contact office@redeemerplymouth.org to subscribe) or our website (redeemerplymouth.org) for a complete list of announcements and community events

Sunday School Today! February 5 - Gathering Room

All ages are welcome to participate in our Sunday School. We will be meeting after worship in the Gathering Room. We plan to hold class the first and third Sunday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sara.

Confirmation Class Wednesday, February 15, 6:00pm

Middle School students should plan to attend.

Calling All High School Youth! Join us February 12 at 1:00pm

Join us for a time of fellowship, fun and faith! Friends are always welcome. Text Pastor Sara at 920-550-1160 if you have any questions.



Intergenerational Event! Sunday, February 19, 10:15am

Sign up sheets are now available on the table in the Fireside Room.

RSVP, sign up to bring chili, and sign up to donate sides, beverages or desserts.

If you have questions, contact [Jessica Nelson](mailto:Jessica.Nelson@redeemerplymouth.org) at 920-838-6259 or jessican6244@gmail.com.

We will start with some fun activities, enjoy chili and vote for our winners!



Volunteers are Needed for Various Ministries of our Church

Sunday School
Confirmation
VBS
Worship Assistants
AV Techs
Librarian

Altar Guild
Kitchen
Property
Christian Life Team
Community Outreach Team

Contact the office or Pastor Sara for more information.