Order of Service - Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany - February 4, 2024 - 10 AM Service

Preaching: Pastor Rick Presiding: Pastor Rick

Music Team: Brock and Merry Jo, Chris, Parker and Erica

Welcome to worship!

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle following the service. A family friendly area is available in the Gateway to sit with other parents or to allow your children to enjoy some snacks following the worship service and Sunday school. If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area where we have few quiet toys for them to enjoy.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion. Individual prayer is also available following the service.

Prelude: Holy Forever (Optional for congregation to sing)

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy. You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name.

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all.

All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

(Repeat)

And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy. You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

Chorus 2

You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Call to Worship: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me LBW 334

Jesus, Savior, pilot me, Over life's tempestuous sea: Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal; Chart and compass you are to me— Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

As a mother stills her child, You can hush the ocean wild; Boist'rous waves obey your will When Thou say to them, "Be still!" Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar Looking t'ward my peaceful rest— Then, while leaning on your breast, May I hear you say "Its true, Fear not— I will pilot you!"

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888 Tune: John E. Gould, 1822-1875

LIGHTING THE CANDLES • WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

(All) – Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Most merciful God.

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GRACE (LBW, p. 57)

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.

The Kyrie (LBW, p. 57)

P: In peace, let us pray for the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray for the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY – Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

All: Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.

Chorus

Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus Loves me. Yes Jesus Loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heavens gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. **Chorus:**

Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine; On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee. **Chorus**

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FIRST READING: Isiah 40:21-31 NIV

- ²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
- ²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
- ²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
- ²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.
- ²⁵ "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
- ²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.
- ²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?
- ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
- ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
- ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
- ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

PSALM 147:1-11 NIV

- ¹ Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
- ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.
- ⁶ The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.
- ⁸ He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹ He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.
- ¹⁰ His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
- ¹¹ the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 NIV

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily. I have a reward: if not voluntarily. I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. 19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others. I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

GOSPEL LESSON - Mark 1:29-39 NIV

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demonpossessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all

Chorus

You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

Chorus

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SERMON: - Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King of Glory,

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. **Chorus** CCLI Song # 6333821

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW, p. 68)

P: Blessed are you.

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, God of pow'r and might Heaven and earth are full of you glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, God of pow'r and might Heaven and earth are full of you glory

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p. 110 LBW)

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

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COMMUNION Hymns:

Hymn: Here Is My Heart

Merciful Savior, gracious Redeemer, slow in Your anger, rich in Your love; Full of compassion, longing to heal and bless, You will forgive all of my sin if I will confess.

Chorus

Here is my heart, Lord, I lay it open; Search every corner, cleanse every part. Here is my heart, Lord, yielded and broken; Merciful Lord, come and restore, Here is my heart. (Repeat All)

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Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us. Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Jesus here.

Chorus

In this bread there is healing, in this cup there's life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us. We'll proclaim, 'til He comes, Jesus crucified **Chorus**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please see sheet attached

CLOSING HYMN: We Praise You, O God LBW 241

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; Through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt. Tune: A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

SENDING

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb, And all who've gone before us and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy. You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name.

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy.

You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,

Your name stands above them all.

All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,

Your name stands above them all.

(Repeat)

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

You will always be Holy

Holy forever

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week at a Glance:

Thursday, Feb 8 – 10 AM – "I AM the Way" the Gospel of John study

Saturday, Feb 10- Christian Caregiving Retreat- 9 AM -2 PM.

Sunday, February 11 – After service - Learn Guitar with Pastor Bart (Grade 4 age and up)

Month in Advance:

Feb 8,15,22 & 29 on Thursdays @ 10 AM – "I AM the Way" the Gospel of John study

Feb 13,20 & 27 on Tuesdays @ 10 AM Women's Bible Study ("Every Good Gift")

Feb 13- 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and service to follow

Feb 14 – 10 AM Grandparenting and the Faith

Feb 16 – 25 – Tim on winter vacation, please speak to him early of anything for that time

Feb 24- 7 PM – The Tabernacle

Feb 24 - 8 AM Men's Breakfast

Feb 29- 5 PM Council Meeting

Mar 17- 12 Noon- POP-UP Choir rehearsal after church.

Pray for St. Peter's

Please remember to keep praying for the church, our pastors, leaders, members and their families.

Christian Caregiving - A Way of Life

We will finish our first class of Christian caregivers with a Saturday retreat on Saturday, February 10. We dug deep into what it means to offer unique Christian caregiving to a hurting world. We are moving forward to implement a structured caring program and those trained are considering this call in their life. This course will be offered again next fall, but for now, we invite you to pray for those involved; Donna Bradley, Rhonda Osness, Caroline Alexander, Russ Bender, Sharon Airey, Elaine Buss, Teresa Mcivor and Lorna Bate.

Every Good Gift - Women's Bible Study

How natural is generosity to who you are? What do you do with what you have? Have you ever wondered what the Bible says about hospitality, generosity, and stewardship? This six-session series with author and speaker Ann Voskamp explores examples of offering hospitality, time, money, spiritual gifts, and empathy to the glory of God.

Everything we have is a gift. Will we hold tightly to these gifts with a scarcity mentality or will we handle them with open hands? Every Tuesday at 10 AM beginning February 13, 2024 Sign up with Rhonda Osness (no charge)

Text or call: 403-830-3499 email: rrosness@gmail.com

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday – February 13

This year we are combining our Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday service into one amazing evening. Come for supper at 5:30 and then head upstairs for a short worship service as we begin our Lenten Journey together in humility and commitment.

The 5 Sundays in Lent - Starts Feb. 18

Join us for our special Lenten series each Sunday as we focus on the theme Real Living, Real Faith. Each Sunday our pastors will speak on the various themes as we focus on marks of a discipleship. We are called to follow Jesus and be a disciple. What does this really mean?

The Tabernacle- February 24 @ 7PM

We are pleased that Tehillah Youth Ministry School (TYMS), a discipleship and leadership school serving students in Grades 9 - 12 throughout Calgary and who Parker Gawryletz has been attending, will be leading our next Tabernacle Service. These students will be sharing and answering important questions, such as Why do I follow Jesus as a young person? What are the biggest struggles in following Jesus in a post-modern world? We need to learn from our young people as they share their faith and commitment to Jesus. We will be encouraged!

Pop-Up Choir

Join St. Peter's POP-UP choir as we prepare for the Easter Season. We have two rehearsals, one on March 17th following worship, from around 11:30-2:00pm (includes lunch) and then March 30, from 9:30-12:00 PM. We will share our musical selections at the Easter Vigil service on March 30th at 8 PM and on Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM. Let Erica know if you will be attending. epharebergh@shaw.ca

Learn Guitar – Every Sunday after Worship

Starting at very beginner level and aiming at grade 4 children and up to and including adults. This is a group class, not private lessons, and we just learn basic chords and strumming, but it's free. Some kids can have troubles playing guitar, others have no troubles. But if you are interested, talk to Pastor Bart.

Small Groups

Interested in joining one of St. Peter's small groups? We have 6 ongoing small groups that are meeting at various times during the week. Email Florence @ <u>bstoth@hotmail.com</u> or speak with Tim in the church office.

Youth Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join a youth committee. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Bart.

Please use your envelope number on All Offerings

Our offering counters have asked to remind you to please put your offering envelope number on all offerings regardless if you put it in a physical envelope, a cheque or make the offering electronically. If you do not place your envelope number on your offering it substantially slows down their process. If you do not know your envelope number, please contact Tim in the office and he will remind you what it is.