



**Sunday, February 7, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**Opening Prayer**

For all your blessings, we thank you, Lord

**For church and home, for friends and family**

For mothers and fathers

**Thank you and praise you, Lord our God! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**No. 184**

**Children's Time**

**Jesus Love Me**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Exodus 20: 12**

**Hymn**

*Happy the Home When God Is There*

**No. 445**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 15: 3-6**

**Sermon**

*The Ten Commandments—*

**Rev. Chuck Layton**

*A Question of Honor*

**Prayer of Response**

**Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the table of our Lord Jesus.

It may look like your computer or smartphone screen,

But Jesus has told us that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, there he is among us. Therefore, the screens unite us in Jesus' name, and he is here with us.

I trust that you have some kind of bread and some kind of juice with you. If not, please go get some while I sing. (# 613, "O Thou, Who This Mysterious Bread")

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedience church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Pray in silence*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

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.**

Blessed are you, our Alpha and our Omega,

Whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God.

Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being.

When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,

and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Now, let's say the Lord's Prayer together:

*Breaking the bread*

Though it may seem impossible, we are gathered around one loaf of bread, for the loaf is Jesus, and Jesus is the same here, there and in every place. Because of this—because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Friends, this is the body of Christ given for you. AMEN.

And this is the blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.

Please eat and drink!

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**No. 431**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Worship Leaders:**

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