

# Healing on the Sabbath

## Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 31, 2021

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Rob)*

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(Rob)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

**C: You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.

**C: You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### GATHERING SONG

"In the Singing"

ELW #466

#### Verse 1

In the singing, in the silence,  
In the hands expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking,  
In your presence at this table.

Be the bread of peace.

#### Verse 2

In the question, in the answer,  
In the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing,  
In the circle of your people.

#### Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
Be the wine of grace;  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,

#### Refrain

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Assistant)*

L: Lord of the Sabbath, your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING *(Julie Klein)*

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 21:1-6

David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, 'Why are you alone, and no one with you?' David said to the priest Ahimelech, 'The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, "No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you." I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.' The priest answered David, 'I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.' David answered the priest, 'Indeed, women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?' So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:1-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

One Sabbath while Jesus was going through the cornfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, 'Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?' Jesus answered, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?' Then he said to them, 'The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.' On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Vicar Stephanie Luedtke

### SONG OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Messiah"

*Carson, Tomlin, Cash & Reeves*

#### Verse 1

He became sin  
who knew no sin  
That we might become  
His righteousness

The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all

#### Verse 2

He humbled Himself  
and carried the cross  
Love so amazing  
Love so amazing

His body the bread  
His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out  
All for love

#### Chorus 1

Jesus Messiah  
Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer  
Emmanuel

The whole earth trembled  
and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing  
Love so amazing

#### Chorus 1

**Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
 All our hope is in You  
 All the glory to You God  
 The Light of the world

**Ending**

Jesus Messiah  
 Lord of all

**Chorus 1**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

**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 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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Christ our light,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

**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.**

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"O Christ, Our Hope"

**ELW #604**

**Verse 1**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,  
 Creation's mighty Lord,  
 Redeemer of the fallen world,  
 By holy love outpoured,  
 By holy love outpoured.

**Verse 3**

But now the bonds of death are burst,  
 The ransom has been paid;  
 You reign above at God's right hand,  
 In robes of light arrayed,  
 In robes of light arrayed.

**Verse 2**

How vast your mercy to accept  
 The burden of our sin,  
 And bow your head in cruel death  
 To make us clean within,  
 To make us clean within.

**Verse 4**

Oh, let your mighty love prevail  
 To purge us of our pride,  
 That we may stand before your throne  
 By mercy purified,  
 By mercy purified.

**Verse 5**

All praise to you, ascended Lord;  
All glory ever be

To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Through all eternity,  
Through all eternity!

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE