

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today we get to sing to the Lord the "new song" born from the marvelous things and the salvation Our Lord openly shows (*Introit*). The salvation is the Holy Spirit who is the "good and perfect gift from above" (*Epistle*). The Spirit's salvation is to guide us into all truth (*Gospel*). And this is the Truth we get to sing: "though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away and You comfort me" (*Old Testament*). For God's right hand has gained us the victory (*First Alleluia*).

Introit

Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; Antiphon: Psalm 98:1a, 2b.



- P** Sing to the Lord a new song, alle- | luia! *
For He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alle- | luia!
- P** His right hand and His | holy arm *
have worked salva- | tion for Him.
- C** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the
house of | Israel. *
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
- P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth; *
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Sing to the Lord a new song, alle- | luia! *
For He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alle- | luia!

Collect of the Day

O God, who makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Your people that they may love what You command and desire what You promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

Thus says the Lord God: In that day you will say: "O Lord, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become

my salvation.' " Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day you will say: "Praise the Lord, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

First Alleluia

Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9

P Alleluia, alle- | luia!*

The right hand of the Lord is exalted, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Alle- luia!

C Alleluia, alle- | luia! *

Christ, having been raised from the dead dies no more; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alle- | luia!

Epistle Reading

James 1:17-21

Dearly Beloved: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

St John 16:5-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the sixteenth chapter.

C (♪) Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness,

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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Parents of Small Children:

We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

Visitors:

So we can get to know you better, please fill out one of the attendance cards in the hymnal rack in your pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Beffrey and the congregation! We hope you'll come back to Founders Hall after the service to share a cup of coffee and snack with us.

Who may Commune at Epiphany?

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany in every Service. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.

because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

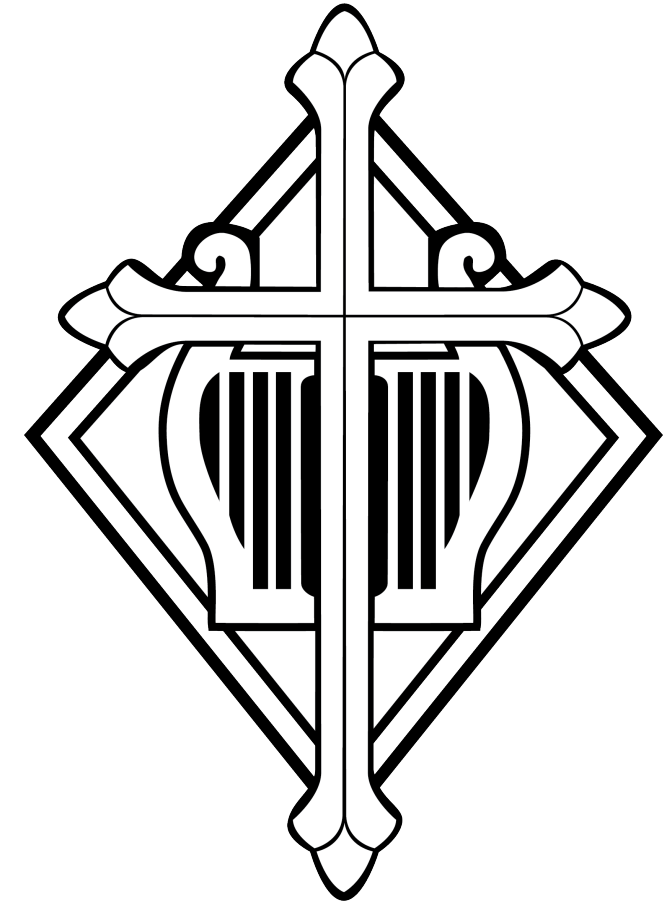
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (🎵) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Cantate

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Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

—Psalm 98:1

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