
✠ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER the EPIPHANY ✠
ORDER OF WORSHIP • FEBRUARY 2, 2025 • 9:00 AM
✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ OPENING HYMN YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES
LBW #175

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

WL: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our
hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

WL: Merciful God,

All: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for
the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We
ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose
injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst
about one another. Cleanse us from our sins and release us from
their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and
repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

WL: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have
redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✠ Christ,
you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the
waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray.

WL: Almighty and merciful God, your only-begotten Son calls us to share
your kingdom. Teach us to do what he commands and live as he lived,
our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 1:4-10, 17-19

R: The First lesson for the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany is from the first chapter of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PARISH CHOIR ANTHEM

TOTAL PRAISE
BY RICHARD SMALLWOOD

**Lord I will lift my eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from you
Your peace you give me in time of the storm
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31b - 13:13

R: The Epistle is from the 13th chapter of First Corinthians.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS
LBW #143, STANZA 3

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 4:31-44

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE
SERVICE
LBW #423

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

All: **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.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE
LBW #198

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS
LSB SETTING 3

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it
 was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
 world with - out end. A - men.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. You have refreshed us in this meal. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts, and send us out to embody your kingdom of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: May the Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love, now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

CALLED BY WORSHIP TO YOUR
SERVICE
TUNE: BEACH SPRING

**Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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