



# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**P** = Pastor    **A** = Assisting Pastor    **C** = Congregation    **L** = Leader

## Gathering Song

"Come Now"

**Chorus:** Come now, gather 'round this table  
Join the love, join the hope, join your hands with everyone.  
Come now, gather 'round this table  
Where we're all together one, come now

**Verse 1:** We're all forever searching, Just trying to find our way  
Lay down all your burdens, Join in here and sing (*Chorus*)

**Verse 2:** Mother, Father, Brother, Sister and yourself  
We come here for some healing, To make us all feel well (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** When we're lost, we can know, we belong to you  
When we're here, we can sing, and rejoice in you (*Chorus*)

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

**P** Blessed be the Father, and the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives  
all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Song

"Welcome Table"

Gath-er 'round the wel-come ta - ble. There is room, there's e - nough.

Bring your bro - ken, life un - sta - ble. Come and feast in God's love.

Come you wound-ed, here is heal - ing. Come you  
here, here is plen - ty. Come you  
Here's a ban - quet, leave your weap - ons. Christ is

out - cast, find your right - ful place. Come you guilt - y,  
anx - ious, you were meant to thrive. Come you wea - ry,  
ris - ing in your neigh - bor's face. Here's your fam - ily,

here's a prom - ise: for bro - ken liv - ing there's a - maz - ing grace.  
find your rest. & The tomb is emp - ty, God is loose! A - live!  
all are hun - gry. God set the ta - ble, time to take your place.

## Confession and Forgiveness

**A** Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

**A** Most merciful God,

**C** I confess to you all my sins, with which I have offended you. I repent and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit, and bring me to life everlasting.

**A** By the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us, frees us from sin and death, and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

**A** Let us pray. Dear Lord God, since the beginning of time, all of creation has obeyed Your word, except for us. It is only we, the crown of Your creation, who keep trying to operate apart from Your word. Turn us again to the power of Your promise, for only in it do we find new life, hope, and salvation. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading:** Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

OT page 178, pew Bible

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 111** (*read responsively*)

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

**Second Reading:** Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

NT page 163, pew Bible

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☒ Thanks be to God.

**Children's Message**

Pastor Tom Stadem

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

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Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

**Gospel Announcement**

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel:** Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

✚ Today's preaching text

**Gospel** Mark 1:21-28 ✚

NT page 33, pew Bible

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Tom Stadem

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day 310**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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**Apostles' Creed**

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☒ 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.

## Prayers of the Church

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

*Following each petition:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**C** Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

**A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

**Offering:** Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

## Offering

Song

"Giver of the Heartbeat"

Giv - er of the heart - beat,

Lov - er of the un - clean,

Sing - er of free - dom for the wound - ed you're the song of all

life.

We come blessed by your hand,  
We are long - ing for truth,  
O - pen our lives to hear

tied to the pulse of the land.  
cour - age the word to un - wrap the low you.  
the word to un - wrap the low you. fears.

For all the breath of cre - a - tion we  
All of us the our hurts and all our our fail - ings we  
Free pray this to to you. you. you.

*Please stand.*

### Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

**A** Come to the table prepared for sinners.

**C** Let us taste of God's goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated.*

**Communion:** All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

### Communion

Hymn 612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Song

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"



Cre - ate in me a clean heart. Cre - ate in me a clean heart.

Re - new a right spir - it, re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

All my fail - ings, I bring to you,  
Liv - ing wat - er wash ov - er me,  
Ho - ly Spir - it stay by my side.

Lord have mer - cy, Make me new,  
with your heal - ing, with your peace,  
May your pres - ence be my guide.

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

**A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with your Word of new life. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we might walk in your promise and light, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**A** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Sending Song

"Savior's Song"

Sing to the one who has known us for-ev - er. Dance to the rhythm of  
free-dom and love. Rest and be sure in the arms of for-give - ness.  
Join in the Sav - ior's song.  
I'm hop - ing for a brand new day where we stop all the fuss  
There's noth - ing that can take a - way all the love of the one  
and the fight - ing long e - nough to look in each oth - er's eyes and see the  
who has saved us. We may walk, we may run or fall, but God is  
pre - cious gift of us ev - 'ry life.  
right here with us through it all.

### Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. We are sent in the freedom of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God!



# Welcome to Worship

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