



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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

Prelude: American composer Raymond Haan sets the familiar hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" in variations for organ.

Prelude

"Partita on ST. DENIO"
Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

A 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.

Service of Light

L Je - sus Christ is the light of the world. **C** the light no darkness can over - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning. **C** and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let your light scat - ter the dark - ness, **C** and illumine your Church.

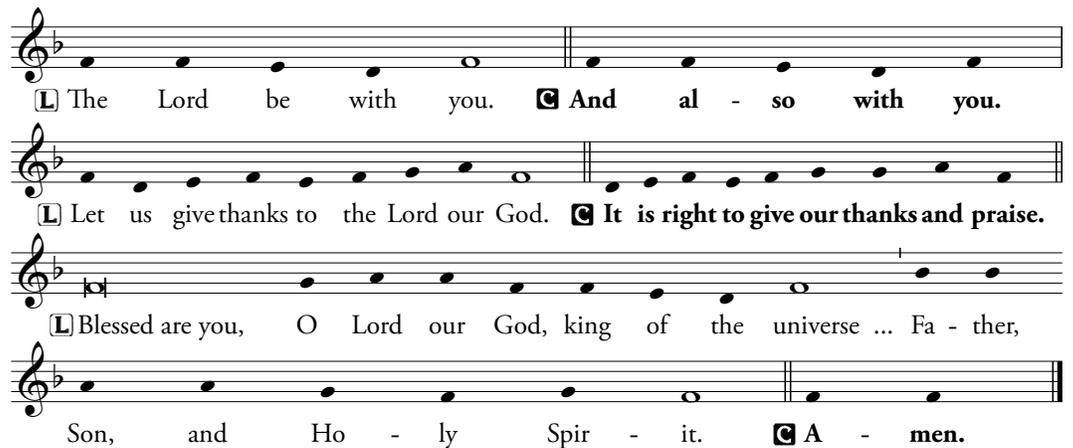
L Joy - ous light of glo - - ry:

C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly
 bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.



L The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe ... Fa - ther,
 Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. **C** A - men.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence for reflection.

P 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.

P 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice and give thanks!

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

OT page 715 in the pew Bible

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71

Michel Guimont

Refrain sung by all; verses sung by choir/cantor.



Refrain: I will sing of your sal - va - tion.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
 let me never be put to shame.
 In your justice rescue me, free me;
 pay heed to me and save me.

Refrain sung by all.

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
 my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
 On you I have leaned from my birth;
 from my mother's womb you have been my help.

Refrain sung by all.

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
 a mighty stronghold to save me;
 for you are my rock, my stronghold.
 Free me from the hand of the wicked.

Refrain sung by all.

4. My lips will tell of your justice
 and day by day of your help.
 O God, you have taught me from my youth
 and I proclaim your wonder still.

Refrain sung by all.

Second Reading: *Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

Gospel: *People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

✚ Denotes this reading as today's preaching text.

Evening Hymn: *Jesus' sermon at Nazareth may be shocking, but there, God's Word is active and at work. As this hymn says, God's Word "pierces the darkness of our earthbound way" and reveals to all "sinful hearts" God's "justice and grace." God's Word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ is given to "every land and race" that we might "praise and celebrate" our Lord's "gift of grace."*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

NT page 166 in the pew Bible

- Ⓐ Word of God, Word of Life.
- ☩ Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Announcement

- Ⓐ The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Luke 4:21-30 ✚

NT page 58 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

- Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Lars Olson

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Evening Hymn 507

"O God of Light"

ATKINSON

Stanza 1 – Cantor 2-4 – All

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

- Ⓐ Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Following each petition:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☩ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- Ⓐ Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.
- ☩ **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

- Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ☩ **And also with you.**

Offering: Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you.

Please be seated.

Offering

Offering Voluntary

"Prelude in C Major, BWV 943"
Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand.

Offering Presentation 867

"In Thee Is Gladness"
IN DIR IST FREUDE

Offering Presentation: Throughout the weeks after Epiphany, the Lutheran chorale "In Thee Is Gladness" will serve as our response to God's blessings as the offering is presented. Christ's victory over death is the sunshine that lights our way during these weeks and each time we gather for worship. Because our Lord has claimed us as His own, "we fear no powers—not of earth or sin or death."

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- P** 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.
- P** Come to the table of mercy and grace.
- C** Let us receive the feast the Lord has given.

Please be seated.

Communion

Please stand.

Blessing

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

Benediction

- A** May the God of glory dwell in you richly, call you beloved, and shine brightly on your path. The blessing of Almighty God—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon and remain with you always.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn 665

"Rise, Shine, You People!"
WOJTKIEWIECZ

Sending Hymn: By the Holy Spirit, who "calls" you and "all nations," see how the good news of Christ is delivered to you in this hymn! Jesus Christ brings you "freedom, light, life, and healing" in His Word this day. Rise, shine, and give thanks!

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude: The postlude this evening is based on the Evening Hymn: "O God of Light."

Postlude

"Toccata on ATKINSON"
Mark Sedio

Worship assistants:

Cantor and Lector
Nancy Henrichsen

Usher
Barb Wiczorek

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