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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024 Liturgical Color: Green

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

- * The assembly will please stand.
- P Pastor/Priest
- C Congregation

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD— The GATHERING THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Prelude Cherie Hockenberger

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mick Shriver

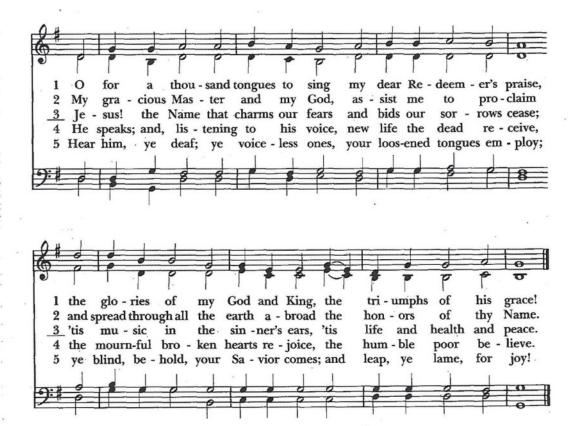
"...And now in stillness and holiness let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Gift of God's Holy Spirit."

Gathering Song/Processional Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(on page 3)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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*Opening Prayer/Opening Acclamation

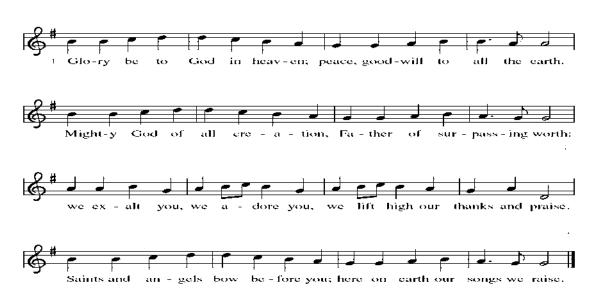
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- Blessed be to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- C And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Collect for Purity

- Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

*Hymn of Praise/Gloria



- P C The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray...

*The Collect of the Day/Prayer of the Day

- P Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

WORD

First Lesson/Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

[C] The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

- A Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- ²Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.
- A 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.
- A ⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.
- ⁶You 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.
- ⁹You 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 Lesson/Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. "For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? "So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. "Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

*Gospel Acclamation/Gradual



*Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
- © Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.

© Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily/Sermon

Pastor Mick Shriver

*Apostles Creed

© 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

The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God. God hears our prayers.

- Α As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.
- (A) Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

- Р Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.



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*Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Gracious God,
- have mercy on us.
 We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.
 We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
 In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.
 Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

*Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The assembly is seated following the peace.

Announcements:

Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

HOLY COMMUNION/LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offering/Offering

"Great Is the Lord"

(see page 13)

*Doxology



Great is the Lord



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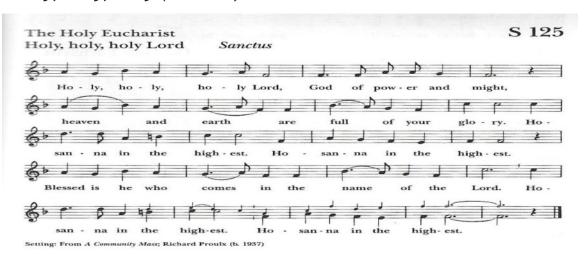
*Great Thanksgiving (Sursum Corda)

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- © It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)



*Eucharistic Prayer/Prayer of Consecration

- Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
- He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered him self, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

- On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had Given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Memorial Acclamation

- P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.
- We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
- Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
- All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
- C Amen.
- And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

The Lord's Prayer

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.



The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

*Fraction

- Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us therefore let us keep the feast.
- C Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)



*Invitation to Communion

- The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- P Lord I am not worthy to receive you
- © But only say the words and my soul shall be healed.
- At this time, God invites his children to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

"Healer of Our Every ill"

(see page 20)

*Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*Post Communion Prayer/Prayer after Communion

- A Let us pray...
- Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

 Amen.



Healer of Our Every ill



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SENDING



*Blessing

- May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
- C Amen.

*Sending Hymn/Recessional Hymn

"Thy Word" (see page 22)

*The Sending

- Alleluia, Alleluia
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- © Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thy Word

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Pray for our Members: Eleanor Anderson, Robert Barrington, Ann Bird, Patricia Ezdebski, David Hawley, Woody Millspaugh, Marty Mielke, Norm Tafelski.

Pray for our Friends: Baby Ray Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Rev. Chris Anderson, Hunter Bowman, June Brault, Graeleigh Jensen, Ken Kolb, Charity Lawler, Bruce Mitchell, Robin Oliver,



Elisabeth Rice, Edward Ritzema, Randy Robins, Deb Russel, Mason Stapley, Rev. Dennis VanKampen, Rev. Sarah Samuelson.

Pray for those at home:

Pray for those in care facilities: Ann Bird, Sherry Johnson.

Pray for our Armed Forces: Army - Christian Boomgaard, Reserves - Tad Reed; National Guard -

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our Parish Family: our area churches and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world, especially for the people of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lansing and Rev. Janice Hite. We also pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Grace, Lapeer - Sarah Parks, Priest-in-Charge Emmanuel, Petoskey - Kay Houck, Rector.

The names on the Prayer list will be rotated every 30 days unless we are notified other wise. The Pastor can not assume that people want a personal visit, but is more then happy to do so upon request. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. (231)843-3686

Worship Assistants

Sunday: Jan. 28, 2024—The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild: TJaye Brand and Mary Hoffman

Assisting Minister Mary Hoffman

Chalice Bearer Vicki Dorrell

Lector Hjordis Rivet

Ushers Rich and Beth Kirby

Coffee Hour Potluck (Annual meeting)

Offering Counters Cathy Iteen, Carol Vipond and

Stephanie Carie

Sunday: Feb 4, 2024—The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild: Tracey Laaksonen and Shelley Anderson

Assisting Minister Steve Weitrzykowski

Chalice Bearer Walt Malkewitz
Lector Walt Malkewitz

Ushers Dale and Carolyn Fitch

Coffee Hour Stephanie Carie

Offering Counters Linda Rogers, Bob Budreau and

Carol Vipond

