

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM Service

January 31, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy God,

You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

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. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18: 15--20

Pg. 302

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 111

Pg. 952

PS 111:1 Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

PS 111:2 **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

PS 111:3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

PS 111:4 **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

PS 111:5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

PS 111:6 **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

PS 111:7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

PS 111:8 **They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.**

PS 111:9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever-- holy and awesome is his name.

PS 111:10 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 8: 1--13

Pg. 1780

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering

Steven Robbins, Guitar

(Please rise for the Gospel.)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e-ter-nal life, Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 21--28

Pg. 1552

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 787

“On Eagle’s Wings” sts. 1, 4

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

4. For to the angels God’s given a command to guard in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

L: Together with the whole church, we 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***

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

L: Let us pray---

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

sts. 1, 2

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. **(Refrain)**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude