



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - January 28, 2024

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*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Balm in Gilead*

arr. L. N. Porter

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *In Memoriam*

arr. L. H. Porter

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

**C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.**

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

**C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

**C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

1. Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.
2. Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
Those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
All who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
3. Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
And let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; Glory be to God alone!"

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.**

Kyrie

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Glory to You, God

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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**C: 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading of Psalm 111

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Cast Out, O Christ

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1. Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the demons that destroy:  
The haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.
2. Our raging griefs, our jealous fears are Legion in their name.  
Our shackled hearts implore your grace to loose our binding shame.
3. Once long ago, from Galilee, you sailed to storm-tossed shores.  
And still, in pow'r, you brave new paths to breach our bolted doors.
4. Your word breathes life and health and hope that break through evil's thrall.  
You send us, strengthened, home in peace to live your gospel call.

5. So come, O Christ, and cast away the demons that destroy.  
Transform our lives to sense your love and spread abroad your joy.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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**C: 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 People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through Christian fellowship as we share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *Prayer*

George Blake

Offering Response: God Bless to Us Our Bread

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God bless to us our bread, and give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: The Rice of Life

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*[In many Asian cultures rice, not bread, is the staple food. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate Jesus' revelation to the Wise Ones from the East - and to the whole world. This hymn reminds us that the words and images we use for Jesus may differ by culture and place.]*

1. The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.  
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
2. True rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below.  
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread; in weakness God's compassion show.
3. The rice of God for all is meant; no one who comes is turned away.  
Believe in Christ whom God has sent; in humble trust God's will obey.
4. The living rice, for all a sign, came down eternal life to give.  
Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ, with people, die and live.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

### SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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1. Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."  
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry – in the least, your face we view,  
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
4. Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:  
But, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Sing Alleluia*

Robert J. Hughes



**Keeping in Prayer...** Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John &

Elizabeth, Pat, Eloise Moorhead, Lilith, Chris Bender, Dawn,

Brian, Kathy's friend, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy

Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Ann, Jennifer, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ted, Carl & Harley, Dorothy Sowa, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of January 28:**

- **TODAY:** Annual meeting of the congregation at 11:00 am; potluck to follow.
- Discovering Judas Iscariot, led by Allan Tooley at 7 pm Wed. 1/31 & 2/7.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- **Next Sunday:** Installation of 2024 Church Council members during worship.
- **All Comers' Choir** will sing next Sunday – come at 9:15 am Sunday to rehearse.

COMING SOON! *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series beginning Wed. Feb. 14. (Ash Wed.)

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