

**PRAISE SERVICE
JANUARY 30, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

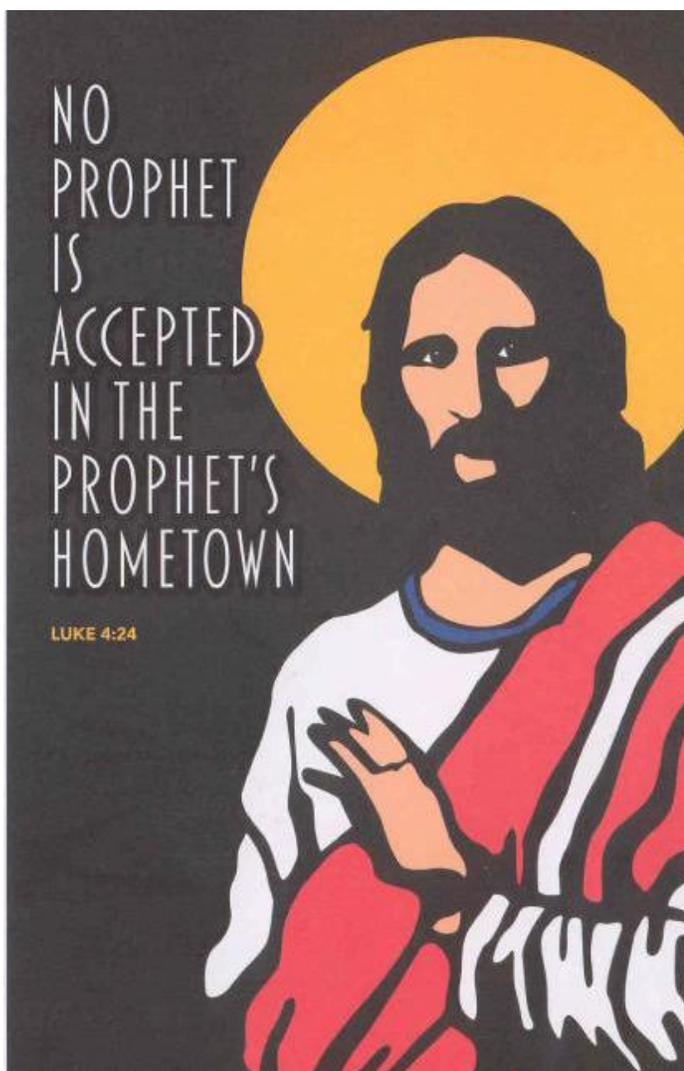
PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray:

Almighty God, draw our hearts to You, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly Yours and offer to You the sacrifice of praise; through the mercy of Your beloved Son, Jesus, the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

An epiphany ought to be a surprise. The prophet Jeremiah is surprised that God would call a youth, but Jeremiah has been in God's sight for a long, long time. Jesus is popular in many places but maybe not at home. Love, which seems so familiar, is really a radical invitation to care for others on their terms. How will love surprise us this day?



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (BH # 321)

Harry Emerson Fosdick, b. 1878

Welsh hymn melody
John Hughes, 1873-1932

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to
 sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es In the fight to
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

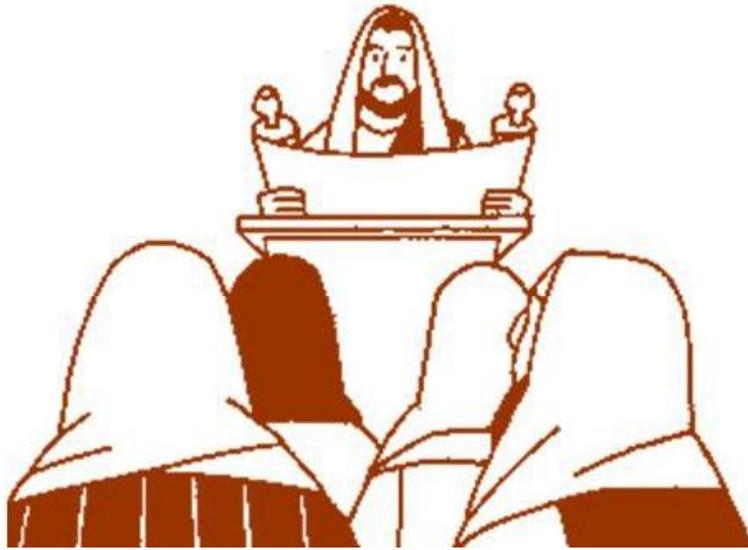


glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!
 Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore. A - MEN.





INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who creates us and forms us, Who redeems us and calls us, Who unites us and sends us. **C: AMEN.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Mighty and loving God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In Your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. AMEN.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is yours forever. **C: AMEN.**

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Down, O Love Divine" (SBH # 123 -
Text: Bianco da Siena, Tr. Richard F. Littledale; Tune: R. Vaughan Williams)

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing -
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together: **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 71:1-6

(congregation: *indented*)

In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness;

turn Your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge,

to which I can always go;

give the command to save me,

for You are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of evil and cruel men.

For You have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD,

my confidence since my youth.

From birth I have relied on You;

You brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise You.

PRAISE SONG "Take My Life and Let It Be"

(Maj # 380 verses 1,3,4 - favorite)

Frances R. Havergal

HENDON
Henri A. César Malan

1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
3 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4 Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas-ure store; Take my-self and

1 let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im-pulse of Thy love.
3 and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
4 I will be Ev-er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev-er, on - ly, all for Thee. A-men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READING....Jeremiah 1:1-10Pg. 1168

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13....Pg. 1786

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

"Lord, Speak to Me" verse 1 (Maj # 646 - favorite)

Frances Ridley Havergal CANONBURY Robert Schumann



1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In
4 O fill me with Thy full-ness, Lord, Un -

1 liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
4 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

1 let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
4 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELLuke 4:21-30.....Pg. 1596

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Lord, Speak to Me" verse 4*

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON (*Please sit.*) *"The Gift of the Holy Spirit - Part IV"*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

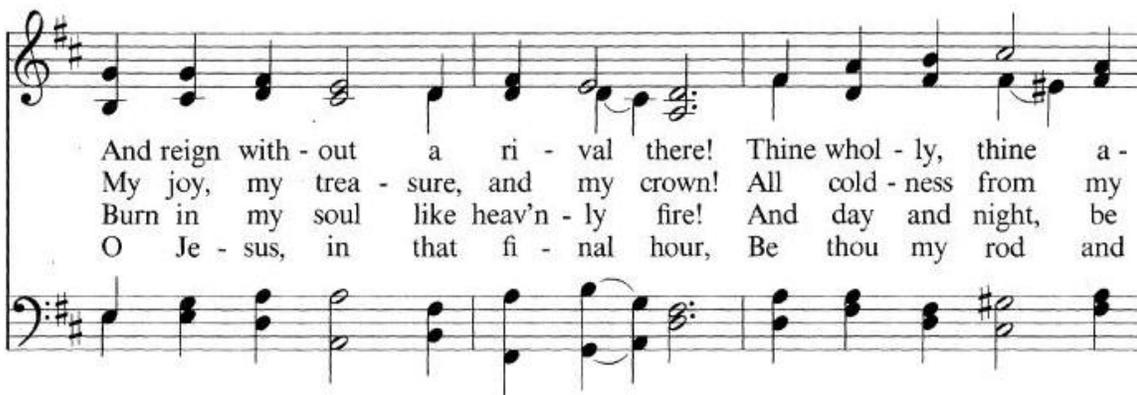
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” (LBW # 336)



1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be thy love my peace, In weak - ness be thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may thy love pos - sess me whole,
thee as - pire. Oh, may thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be thou my rod and



lone, I am; Be thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought, be love.
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide And draw me safe - ly to thy side!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30) *(Please sit.)*
(10:45 skip to Profession of Faith)

PRESENTATION *(New members and sponsors come forward.)*

Council President or VP: These persons desire to join Holy Cross, making public affirmation of their Baptism as a sign of their renewed participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ:

Evelyn Malozi, by transfer from Star of Bethlehem,
sponsored by Pat Gilbert;

Isabella McGill, by affirmation of faith,

sponsored by Ruthann Kistler and Miykael Zyskowski.

P: Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Through Baptism we are called out of darkness into God's marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him. Therefore I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

New Members: I reject them.

P: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

New Members: I renounce them.

P: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and each other?

New Members: I repent of them.

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

New Members: In faith I turn to Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (8:30 & 10:45) *(Please rise.)*

L: I ask you and the whole church to profess your faith, using the Apostle's Creed. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

PRAYER *(10:45 skip to Prayer of the Church, next page)*

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to Your grace and truth: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of Your holy Church: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be sent into the world in witness to Your love: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be brought to the fullness of Your peace and glory: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

PROMISE *The minister addresses those making affirmation.*

P: Having made public profession of your faith, do you promise to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear His Word and share in His Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn.

New Member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

(New members kneel and a brief silence is kept for private prayer for them.)

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit You have made these people Your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them Your gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

New Members: Amen.

(New members face the congregation. The minister addresses the assembly.)

P: People of God, do you welcome these sisters and brothers into this community of faith? Do you promise to pray for them and encourage them, to make them a part of the family and support them in time of trouble?

C: We do. We welcome you in the name of Christ.

(New members are welcomed with applause and return to their seats.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: God of light, C: show us Your glory and hear us.)

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

BLESSING

P: Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)* "O, Zion Haste"

(Maj # 681 - Text: Mary A. Thomson; Tune: James Walch)

1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing, To tell to
 2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion That God in
 3 Give of thy sons to bear the mes - sage glo - rious, Give of thy

1 all the world that God is light; That He who made all na - tions
 2 whom they live and move is love; Tell how He stooped to save His
 3 wealth to speed them on their way; Pour out thy soul for them in

1 is not will - ing One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 2 lost cre - a - tion, And died on earth that man might live a - bove.
 3 prayer vic - to - rious, And haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.

Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,

Ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

ALTAR GUILD: Darlene Treisner / Diane Hahn

PHONETREE: *Volunteer needed*

GREETER: 8:30-*Volunteer needed* / 10:45-*Volunteer needed*

SOUND SYSTEM: 7:45-Chris Chmela / 10:30-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Michele Sciarra

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler / 10:45-Michele Sciarra

HOSPITALITY (Fifth Sunday Brunch): 9:45-Social Ministry

PRAISE TIME: 10:30-Bridge of Hope

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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