

January 28th, 2024

10:30 am

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome

Opening Hymn “All Hail The Power of Jesus Name” *Edward Perronet, Oliver Holden*

All hail the power of Jesus Name let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me:

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Alleluia! *People* ***Amen.***

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

The first lesson is from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18, beginning to read at verse 15.

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the

prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

²¹ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’— ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Psalm 111

Let us read this psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, *
 in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great, *
 sought out by all who have pleasure in them.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, *
 and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; *
 The Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He has given food to those who fear him; *
 he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, *
 that he may give them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
 all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
 and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
 a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

The second lesson is from St. Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 8, beginning to read at verse 1.

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet 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. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 1, beginning to read at verse 21.

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately

there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“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.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Intercessions

Celebrant For all your people throughout the world, for peace and goodwill everywhere, for the future of our country, and for you to raise up a new generation of good and godly leaders, and for all who currently govern and hold authority in every nation and city, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For your face to shine upon us, and your hand to clearly guide us, so that we may know how to make things better in our city, state, and country, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for the families and friends they have left behind, and that when we die, we may end our lives in faith and hope and peace, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For widows and those who live alone, for the elderly and the frail, and for those taking care of their elderly spouses and parents, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our children and grandchildren, for orphans, and for kids in broken families, and those with unbelieving parents, for the victims of neglect and abuse and crime and abortion, that you may look after all the children and their moms and dads and care for them and protect them, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the sick and the suffering and those who are afraid, that in the mighty Name of Jesus, and through the power and grace of your Holy Spirit, you may heal and comfort them, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For a whole generation of moms and dads wounded by abortion, who need both our help and your grace and healing and forgiveness, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our friends and our neighbors and co-workers, we pray to you.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the poor and unemployed, for those in prison and in the hospital, and for those who care for them – for the comfort and consolation of all who come to you in need, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all our families, that you, Lord, may be the head of every household, and bring healing to every broken relationship, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the lost and the lonely and those who are hurting – for the salvation and comfort and healing of all who currently do not know you, that they may know your love, Lord, and know that you forgive them and care for them, and that your desire is to grant them hope and eternal life, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For your Church and her witness and work in the world, give her strength. Today we bring before you All Saints Anglican Church in Conroe, Texas. We ask your anointing upon our friend Archbishop Lamido in Kaduna, Nigeria, and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen, our priests; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For those you will someday bring to this fellowship, Lord, that you will prepare them for that day, and that you will prepare us to receive them, to welcome them, to love them, to know what to say, to know what to do, to remember what it was like when we didn't have a church family, that you will grow this fellowship toward maturity in Christ so all your children may be gathered as you intend, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayer of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

All ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Offertory

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Song “From This Valley” *Joy Williams, John Paul White*

Oh the desert dreams of a river
That will run down to the sea
Like my heart longs for an ocean
To wash down over me

Chorus: Oh won't You take me from this valley
To that mountain high above
I will pray pray pray til I see Your smiling face
I will pray pray pray to the One I love

Oh the outcast dreams of acceptance
Just to find pure love's embrace
Like an orphan longs for his mother
May You hold me in Your grace (*to chorus*)

Oh the caged bird dreams of a strong wind
That will flow 'neath her wings
Like a voice longs for a melody
Oh Jesus carry me (*to chorus*)

Doxology

All sing Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant All things come from you O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

*People **He is.***

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

*People **He is.***

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People ***He is.***
Celebrant This is our God.
People ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***
Celebrant We are His people.
People ***We are redeemed.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, the wandering nomad, You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as a prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be king; for a rebellious crowd, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together,
we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant *As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

All ***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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

Celebrant Christ is alive forever.

People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to preserve your body and soul unto eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

Mystery”

Charlie Hall

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity
Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink
Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.

Communion Songs

“Gratitude”

Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, Dante Brown

All my words fall short I got nothing new
How could I express all my gratitude
I could sing these songs as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

Chorus: So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
I know it’s not much but I’ve nothing else fit for a King

Except for a heart singing hallelujah hallelujah

I've got one response I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You (*to chorus*)

Bridge: So come on my soul don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song 'cause you've got a lion inside of the lungs
Get up and praise the Lord (*x2, chorus*)

“Worthy Of It All” *David Brymer, Ryan Hall*

All the saints and angels bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things and to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night night and day let incense rise (*x4*)

“Oh But God” *Bryan Fowler, Davy Flowers, Matt Armstrong*

I was buried beneath my rebellion
Lost without hope of redemption
Blind to my need for a Savior oh but God
Crushed by the weight of my failure
Living the lie I created
Digging my grave without knowing
Oh but God oh but God

Chorus: Rich in mercy how You loved me
Too much to let me stay lost
My salvation sent from heaven
Nailing my sin to a cross oh but God

You gave me a Truth worth believing
I traded my chains for Your freedom
You were the One that I needed oh but God
Resurrected my heart from the ruins
And my rescue came through like the morning
Now this is my sure testimony

Oh but God oh but God (*to chorus*)

Bridge: All the wreckage of my choices
You have turned to life from ashes
Lifted from death risen with Him
Now I stand in confidence (*x2, chorus*)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Praise To The Lord The Almighty”

Joachim Neander, William S. Bennett

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Celebrant Words of dismissal.
All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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