



4th Sunday after Epiphany
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Simeon's confessed that the baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

Prelude: Selections from Unity Mass by Norah Duncan

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **C. Amen.**

P. Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.



Merciful God,

C. you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P. God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God. **C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW 520

GREETING

P. 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.**

GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.

C. Amen

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”



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

Psalm 71:1-6



From my moth- er's womb you have been my strength.



¹ In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R**

⁵ For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,
my confidence since | I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's
womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I

will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

Annette Dittman

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

P. Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

**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

To the petition "God of grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."

GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please be seated.



OFFERING

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Music at the Offering: I Dream a World

Wendy Provencher, violin

Text, Langston Hughes

Setting, Nancy Raabe

I dream a world where man no other will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind -- of such I dream, our world!

OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **C. Amen.**

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 God thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C. Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

P. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: Beloved, God's Chosen

ELW 648

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of love and
healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
C. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
C. Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Voluntary

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Serving today - Thank you!!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music: Susanna Faust

Cantor: Arielle Anglin

Lector: 8:00, P. Schmidt; 10:30, C. MacDonald

Ushers: 8:00, P. Schmidt & D. Ball;

10:30, K. Stone & K. Seiler

Communion Asst: 8:00, B. Schmidt; 10:30, C. MacDonald

Altar Guild: 8:00, J. Detweiler;

10:30, M. J. Moyer & B. Hess

Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, Usher

Coffee Hour: Pastor Raabe

Council Offering & Lockup:

8:00, TBD; 10:30, TBD

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm, Amayah Anglin

NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah says, Here am I; send me

Psalm 138

*I will bow down toward your
holy temple*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I am the least of the apostles

Luke 5:1-11

*Jesus calls the disciples to fish
for people*

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, **COFFEE HOUR** is served in the Narthex. Please stay for hot drinks, home-baked snacks, and conversation!



Pastoral Care If you are ill, seeking pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe through the office. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses, hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the joys in your life.

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