

January 30, 2021 – Epiphany 4

Celebrant  
Preacher

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn:           Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Gathering of the Community

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

**And also with you.**

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

**God was.**

Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the  
purposes of heaven,

**God is.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its  
fulfillment,

**God will be.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but  
redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**God was, God is, God will be.**

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light  
to shine out of the darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."  
DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

MARK 1:21-28

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God,  
**We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family**  
**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us**  
**with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*Prompt:*            *Lord in your mercy,*  
*Response:*        ***hear our prayer.***

## Confession and Peace

Let us confess our brokenness.

Because you made the world,  
and intended it to be a good place,  
and called its people your children;  
Because, when things seemed at their worst,  
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;  
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**Goodness is stronger than evil,  
Love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness,  
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Because confusion can reign inside us,  
despite our faith;  
Because anger, tension, bitterness and envy  
distort our vision;  
Because our minds sometimes worry small things  
out of all proportion;  
Because we do not always get it right,  
we want to believe;

**Goodness is stronger than evil,  
Love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness,  
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Lord, hear our prayer,  
and change our lives  
until we illustrate the grace  
of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

Not an easy peace,  
not an insignificant peace,  
not a half-hearted peace,  
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now.  
Let us share it with each.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, poets, artists and saints in

every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
**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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread #6

We break the bread of life,  
And that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
Light in the midst of us,  
Bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Hymn: Jesus Feed Us

Prayer after Communion

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

**I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**I Will Follow You, Jesus; I Will Follow You, Jesus.  
I Will Follow You, Jesus; I Will Follow You.**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**Though I may wander, I still will follow;  
Though I may wander, I still will follow;  
Though I may wander, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**I Will Follow You, Jesus; I Will Follow You, Jesus.  
I Will Follow You, Jesus; I Will Follow You.  
I Will Follow You, Jesus; I Will Follow You, Jesus.  
I Will Follow You, Jesus; I Will Follow You.**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.  
No turning back, no turning back.**