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8:45 AM Service – Epiphany 04
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God. For the church this is a way of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise with hope, and shine with love!

All: Shine forth with the wisdom of God!

L: Arise with mercy, and shine with grace!

All: Live in righteousness and peace.

L: Arise with justice, and shine with compassion.

All: Radiate the brightness of Christ!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

P: 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.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of the Lord has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!

HYMN . . . "Gather Us In" vs. 1, 4

Text & Tune: Marty Haugen - Cranberry Book #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

INVOCATION

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

All: And also with you.

LITANY OF PEACE

L: To honor you, O God,

All: we come before you to worship and praise.

L: Transform every moment of our lives

All: into moments of worship and praise that honor you.

L: To be near you, Holy One,

All: we come into your presence with hope and prayer.

L: Transform our words and thoughts

All: into acts of prayers and thanksgiving that bring us ever close to you.

L: We want to be people of unity and peace.

All: Transform our community with love that is boundless and with peace that passes all understanding,

L: that others may see us knit together as one,

All: built on the foundation of Christ.

L: In your loving peace we sing...

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



1 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.



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

2 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.

Refrain

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

3 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.

Refrain

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.

All: **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.**

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Miracle Worker”

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—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.

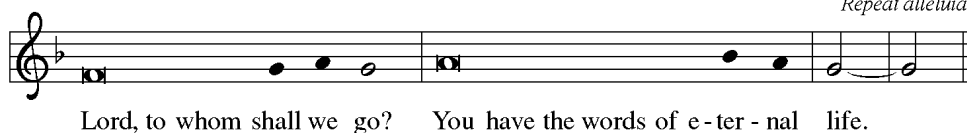
It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: *The Holy Gospel according to the first chapter of Mark*

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL . . . Mark 1:21-28

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he 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.

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Rev. Dr. Diane Bowers

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY . . . “There Is a Balm in Gilead” vs.

1, 2

Text & Tune: African American spiritual. - Cranberry Book #614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Rev. Dr. Diane Bowers*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand



OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards -Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry- Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store:



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise;



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: **Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God, and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up prophets in our congregations, let us pray.

All: **Have mercy, O God.**

L: For peace and justice throughout the world, for political leaders at all levels, and for those who provide public services, that you will grant them wisdom as they carry out their tasks, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, and their advocates; for the sick, the suffering, and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and spirit, that your compassion be felt by all in need, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For those in our congregation celebrating special events, for those missing from our worship today, and for friends and family both near and far, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

P: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In 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 in 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth and death and resurrection. We look with hope for Christ's coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May you Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on Earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel. Word of God incarnate, power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: 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.

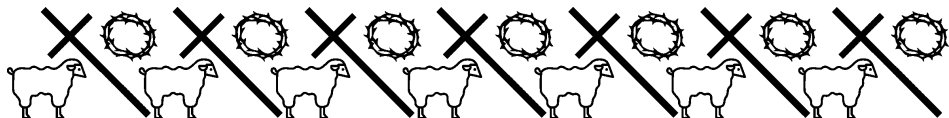
FRACTION RITE

L: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.



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.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.
Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Text & Tune: Marty Haugen - Cranberry Book #612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

Text: Fred Pratt Green - Tune: W. Walker - Cranberry Book #610



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated



A LITANY FOR RIC SUNDAY

RIC Task Force: For the Church, in our call towards radical love, reconciliation, hospitality and unity:

All: Reconcile your people, O God.

RIC Task Force: For communities, cities and nations, where no one is excluded or discriminated against, and where love is our rule and justice is our practice

All: Reconcile your people, O God

RIC Task Force: For people in our lives and those unknown to us, who need healing, care and compassion, and those in the midst of conflict, violence or war

All: Reconcile your people, O God

RIC Task Force: For people working for justice, peace and reconciliation, that in humility they serve, in courage they speak out, and in faith they persist

All: Reconcile your people, O God

RIC Task Force: For those who have gone before us, especially the LGBT leaders who paved the way to reconciliation and inclusion in our communities, may we join them in their legacy

All: Reconcile your people, O God

RIC Task Force: We shall all be reconciled in Christ

All: United and one in our life together, praise to God who has loved and created us, praise to God who has lived with us and accepted us, praise to God who Amen.

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: You are the light of the world!

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and love of God.

P: Take that light into all the places that need the light and grace of Jesus Christ.

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

P: Go and be the light of the world!

All: Amen!

SENDING SONG . . . “On Our Way Rejoicing” vs. 1

Text: John S. B. Monsell - Tune: Frances R. Havergal - Cranberry Book #537

1 On our way re- joic- ing glad- ly let us go.
 Christ our Lord has con- quered; van- quished is the foe.
 Christ with- out, our safe- ty; Christ with- in, our joy;
 who, if we be faith- ful, can our hope de- stroy?
Refrain
 On our way re- joic- ing; as we for- ward move,
 hear- ken to our prais- es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



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