

Worship Leader Edition
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Pastor Rob)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Pastor Rob)

L: The coming of Christ was not, and is not, widely welcomed. Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness: the darkness of old superstitions and dogmas which refuse to fade away easily; the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom; the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it; the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the shutters;

L: Most holy and loving God,

C: please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore your light within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we humbly ask, “Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.” Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!

L: My friends, Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In his name, I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!

C: Thanks be to God!

+OPENING HYMN

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

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Verse 1

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
Where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
Compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
Holy dove and heart’s delight.

God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
Free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying,
By your Spirit, children, heirs.

Verse 3

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us God, transform.

Verse 2

We who bring them long for nurture;
By your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
Cup of blessing, living bread.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Allie Erickson)

L: 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.

(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

L: Patient God, Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong.

C: Amen.

WORD

PSALM

Psalm 103

*Thomas Keesecker
(See Insert)*

St. Luke’s Choir and Congregation

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:12-25

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days. The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

Verse 1

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
Joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

Verse 3

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!

Verse 2

God be praised for grace and favor
To our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Verse 4

Angels sing in adoration,
In God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center} (Allie Erickson)*

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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.

+THE PRAYERS *{Front Center} (Allie Erickson)*

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After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

+BLESSING OF THE QUILTS *(Pastor Rob)*

+THE LORD'S PRAYER *{Front Center} (Pastor Rob)*

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C: 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

“Alleluia”
St. Luke's Choir

William Boyce

SENDING

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Pastor Rob)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

+BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Pastor Rob)*

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.
C: Amen.

Verse 1

In his temple now behold him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold him,
God has sent the promised Word.
Now to praise him his redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.

Verse 2

In the arms of her who bore him,
Virgin pure, behold him lie,
While his aged saints adore him,
Ere in perfect faith they die.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

Verse 3

Jesus, by your presentation,
When they blessed you, weak and poor,
Make us see your great salvation,
Seal us with your promise sure;
And present us, in your glory,
To your Father, cleansed and pure.

Verse 4

Prince and author of salvation,
Be your boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to you be given
By the world you did redeem,
With the Father and the Spirit
God of majesty supreme!

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Let your light shine before others.

C: **Glory be to God.**

POSTLUDE