

4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA



ANTE-COMMUNION | WORD & PRAYER
JANUARY 31, 2021 | 10AM

Ringing of the Bells

Organ Prelude

Richard Shepherd, Slow March

Welcome

Opening Hymn

words: Edward Perronet; music: Oliver Holden, 450

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran -omed of the
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise

Trisagion, S102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: 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.”

Lector The Word of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

¹ Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 8:1-13

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.

Lector The Word of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Celtic Alleluia, Walker / O'Carroll



Speak, Lord your servant is list'ning.
Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak
are everlasting life. **Refrain**

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us
Through God's Son: Jesus Christ. **Refrain**

The Word of the Lord is alive.
The Word of the Lord is active.
It can judge our thoughts,
Bring us closer to the Father. **Refrain**

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Gospeller The Gospel of our savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Homily

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate
he suffered death 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of the People

Form I, BCP, adapted

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray, saying
"Lord, have mercy."
For the peace and loving-kindness of God, and for the freedom of
our souls, let us pray,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the welfare of the Church, all clergy and lay people, let us pray,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the leaders of communities and nations and all who live in them,
let us pray,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray,

All **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor For the all who grieve, are lonely, sick, or suffering, for the poor and
the oppressed, the unemployed and the hopeless, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray,

All **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died, let us pray

All **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of blessed Luke and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

Intercessor What prayer is on your heart today?

All are invited to offer their own intercessions silently or aloud.

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider As Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Presider pronounces a blessing.
The people respond **Amen**

Closing Hymn

words: Harkness; music: trad., 472



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,
4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en
3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;

1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the congregation.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Colin Hand, Go Forth With Joy

Zoom Coffee Hour: immediately follows the service
Consult your email for a link, and join the conversation.
LeAnn Herigstad hosts today.
How do you learn best?

At St. Luke's, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, social or economic circumstance, or political affiliations, you are welcome here.

Children's Ministry | 2nd & 4th Sundays, 9am, via Zoom

Children meet online and receive a monthly packet of stories and activities in a PowerPoint format. E-mail Tabatha for information.

Book Study | Mondays, 5pm, via Zoom

Currently reading *Living Buddha, Living Christ*, by Thich Nat Han. For information on joining, and future readings, contact Tom Eaton.

The Way of Love | Wednesdays, 7pm, via Zoom

A short reading, reflection, and prayer. Books are available for purchase online. Drop-ins welcome. E-mail Margaret for information.

Becoming Beloved Community study group | 4th Tuesdays, 6:15pm, via Zoom

Watching and discussing *Becoming Beloved Community Now* videos from the Episcopal Church website, recorded this past July. Contact LeAnn for information.

St. Luke's Queer Alliance | Thursdays, 6:30pm, via Zoom

St. Luke's welcomes sisters, brothers and non-binary Queers seeking faith community honoring everyone's unique spiritual path. Contact Mairic.



With Christ and in Christ, we welcome, celebrate, collaborate and grow.
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