

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Saturday at 6:30 PM  
Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

## OPENING HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | CW#517



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -  
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing  
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the  
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the  
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool  
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing  
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this  
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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## HOLY BAPTISM

*remain seated*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when He said, “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. and surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners Christ died for us. He took away our sins by giving His life on the cross. In Baptism, He clothes us with a robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall a baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drawn by daily sorrow and repentance, let all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. it also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and I've sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve Your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with His innocent suffering and death. Trusting in Him I pray: God have mercy on me, a Sinner.**

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat satan's power. his promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. your sins are forgiven. you are closed with Christ. you are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

The gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

\_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and the heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Almighty God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May He strengthened you with His grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray:

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that You have received \_\_\_\_\_ as Your own child and made him/her a member of Christ's body, the Church. Now we pray, grant to him/her and to all Your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into His death, we may also share in His resurrection, so that, with all Your Saints, we may inherit eternal life through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

**C:** (sung) *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** We pray:

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sung) *Amen*

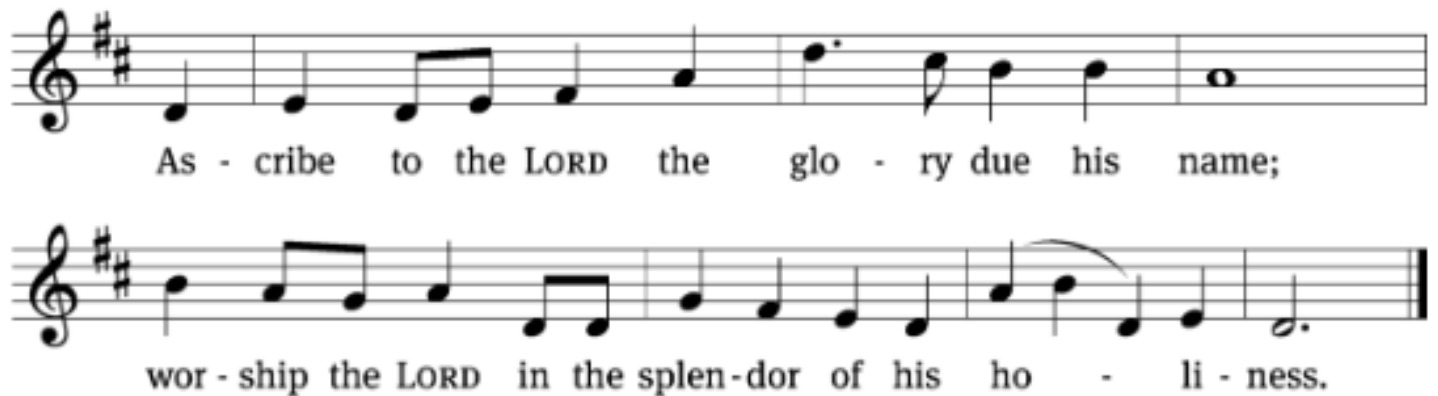
*please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON:

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." <sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

*Refrain*


As - crite to the LORD the glo - ry due his name;  
 wor - ship the LORD in the splen - dor of his ho - li - ness.

*Tone*


Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly / beings,  
 ascribe to the LORD glory / and strength.  
 The voice of the LORD is / powerful;  
 the voice of the LORD is ma- / jestic.  
 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedars.  
 And in his temple all cry, / "Glory!" *Refrain*

The LORD sits enthroned o- / ver the flood;  
 the LORD is enthroned as king for- / ever.  
 The LORD gives strength to his / people;  
 the LORD blesses his peo- / ple with peace.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON:****Hebrews 3:1-6**

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

**Verse of the Day:** *spoken by pastor*

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

*Congregation Sings*

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These Words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**GOSPEL LESSON:     Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" <sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. <sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
 To all the world go out and tell the  
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Cor. 16:2).*

The offering plates will be passed through the congregation. After collection, the ushers will take the offering plates to the front to present them at the altar of God. As the plates come forward, please stand and sing our offering hymn.





## OFFERING HYMN

## If Your Beloved Son, O God | CW #559:5



5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my  
Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for  
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the  
good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

SERMON HYMN    **Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus | CW#546**



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, bears the name a -  
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, know - ing weak - ness,  
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, now he sits at  
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing  
tears, and pain, who like us was tried and tempt - ed,  
God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,  
and its end, pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— since to heav'n our  
un - like us, with - out a stain— since he shared our  
his pre - em - i - nence long-planned; such a great High  
might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, let us hold our wit - ness fast!  
low - ly place, let us bold - ly seek his grace.  
Priest we have, strong to help, su - preme to save.  
glo - ry raised, our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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**PRAYER**

**M:** ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sung) *A-men.*

# BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**C:** (sung) *Amen. Amen. A-men.*

## CLOSING HYMN      Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | CW #386:1,3,5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise,      Je - sus, Lord, to  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole      pal - sied limbs and  
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,      mir - rored in your



you we raise,      man - i - fest - ed by the star  
faint - ing soul;      man - i - fest in val - iant fight,  
ho - ly Word.      May our lives and all we do



to the Ma - gi from a - far,      branch of roy - al  
quell - ing all the dev - il's might;      man - i - fest in  
im - i - tate and hon - or you      that we all like



Da - vid's stem,      in your birth at Beth - le - hem.  
gra - cious will,      ev - er bring - ing good from ill.  
you may be      at your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
and may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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