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# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

31 January 2021 AD

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Spiritual Communion

Prelude

### Opening Hymn 400 “All Creatures of our God and King”

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way; O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! . . .

*Priest:* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant says the Collect for Purity* **Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you  
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your  
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Hymn of Praise 381 (verse 4) “God the Father”

God the Father, Light-Creator, to thee laud and honor be;  
to thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer, glory, glory be to thee;  
Mortals, angels, Now and ever praise the Holy Trinity.

### The Collect of the Day

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray. *The Collect of the Day is offered.*

**Lesson** - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.* [Deuteronomy 18:15-20] *The Word of the Lord.* [People: Thanks be to God.]

**Gradual Psalm 111** *is read by the Reader*

**Epistle**

*A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.* [1 Corinthians 8:1-13] *The Word of the Lord.* [People: Thanks be to God.]

**Sequence Hymn 567** “Thine Arm, O Lord”

- 1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o’er disease and death, o’er darkness and the grave.  
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.
- 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light:  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret’s shore.
- 3 Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom’s heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

**The Holy Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.* [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Mark 1:21-28] *The Gospel of the Lord.* [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

**The Sermon** *silence follows the sermon*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**W**e 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

*The Leader concludes each petition: God of faithfulness,  
And the People respond: **Hear our prayer.***

### **Confession and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*All:* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest says the Absolution*

**The Peace**    *Reach out to someone to share God's peace.*

### **Anthem**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People: **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*Then the Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving until*

...proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues until*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues until*

... Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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*The Lord's Prayer is said*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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*Officiant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

### **The Invitation**

*Officiant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After the priest takes the Body and Blood of our Lord, a time of Spiritual Communion is offered. Please offer this Prayer during the devotional music.*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul together, with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

**The Blessing** *reminds us we are blessed to be a blessing*

**Closing Hymn 389** "Let Us, with a Gladsome Mind"

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*Refrain:* for his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Let us blaze his Name abroad, for of gods he is the God: *[Refrain]*

3 He with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light: *[Refrain]*

4 He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run: *[Refrain]*

5 The horned moon to shine by night, mid her spangled sisters bright: *[Refrain]*

6 All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need: *[Refrain]*

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind: *[Refrain]*

## **The Dismissal** *sends us in love and service into the world*

### Postlude

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