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As We Gather

All throughout the Epiphany season is the shadow of the question: Who is Jesus? We have heard Jesus called the Lamb of God and the light of the world. Now He is proclaimed our Brother who lays aside what is His right to become our servant even to death upon a cross. Within that context, we who are called His brothers claim not right or privilege but the path of service in Christ. Our freedom is not the liberty to do as we please but the responsibility of love for the sake of our weaker brother—just as Christ suffered as the innocent for the guilty. Instead of looking inside of us, we have something better to look at: Christ and our neighbor.

PREPARATION

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness, With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands, With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children, With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons, With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water, To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious, That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 32:1–2*

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
- C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection.

- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C **O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm *Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 3*

- ¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- ⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Kyrie

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

506 Glory Be to God the Father

- 1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King, Glory to the King of nations;
Heav’n and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of glory sing!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, pow’r,
dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we rejoice that You have sent to us Your Son to be our Brother and to take
our place in suffering that we might be saved. Deliver us from our captivity to sin, the
tyranny of self, and the temptation of the world that our hearts may be focused upon Christ
and delivered from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Announcement of the Day

- P Today is the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, in the season of Christ’s self-revelation
through word and works. Today we hear the promise of a prophet fulfilled in Christ who
bears the authority of the Word to us and confronts and casts out unclean spirits. From this
we learn to love as He loves, taking care to season our liberty with the privilege of service.

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

- ¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your
brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on
the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or
see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they
have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will
put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever
will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But
the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak,
or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

- ¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This
“knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does
not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.
⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real
existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in
heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶yet 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.
⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat
food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not
commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take
care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if
anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his
conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is
destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding
their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother
stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Mark 1:22a*

- Alleluia. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority.**
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Mark 1:21–28*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue
and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had
authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an
unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him,
saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out
with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among
themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the
unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the
surrounding region of Galilee.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1
- Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2
- As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty, Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3
- Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4
- Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

- C
- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

Offering

410 Within the Father’s House *sts. 1, 5–6*

- 1
- Within the Father’s house, The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly, The Lord of life has come.
- 5
- Lord, visit Thou our souls , And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself, With loving awe to trace
- D 6
- Till we behold Thy face, And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.

Prayer of the Church

- P
- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Father of love, You rescued Your fallen people with the sufferings and death of Christ, Your Son, our Brother in flesh. Guide us to know and rejoice in His salvation and to proclaim this Gospel with boldness to our brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of mercy, Your compassion has rescued us from the powers of evil and set us free. Guide us to use this liberty to serve others as Christ has served us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of grace, You have provided us with the new life of Holy Baptism and granted us faith by the power of the Spirit. Keep us in this faith that we may be preserved from evil and delivered from all our enemies to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of truth, You have given us Your Word that we might know the truth. Provide for us good and honest leaders who will heed the voice of Your Word and protect us from violence so that we may lead peaceful and godly lives without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of comfort, You have borne in Your Son all our wounds. According to Your will, deliver all who are sick, who suffer, who are troubled in mind, and those near death that they may be preserved in faith in the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of hope, You have ended the reign of death by the resurrection of Your Son. Deliver us from death and grant Your peace to the dying and Your comfort to those who grieve. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of peace, You have restored us to You and given us a place at the Table of Your Son. Lead us to repentance and strengthen our faith that we who commune at this altar may be of one faith and receive without hindrance the fruits of His atoning work in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**
- P
- Father of courage, You have promised to grant us all things needful for this body and life even as You have provided eternal life to us in Christ. Help us always to pray with confidence in Your mercy, knowing that Your every answer is for our eternal good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C
- hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

- P
- All these things for which we have prayed and all other things we need, we pray You to grant us in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C
- Amen.**

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

810 O God of God, O Light of Light

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven’s glory bright, The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page, And grand in poets’ wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age, The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night, Rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above, He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.

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