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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

WOV page 10

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Rise Up, O Saints of God* **ELW # 669**

* Greeting *WOV page 28*

P: 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.

* Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy* *WOV page 28*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Canticle *Glory to God* *WOV page 29*

C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God…
and peace to God's people on earth.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Micah 6:1-8*

L: A reading from the prophet Micah.

6 Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
3 "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

[5] O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."
[6] "With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
[7] Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
[8] He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *15*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 15.

15 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

[2] **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right**
and speaks truth in his heart;

[3] who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

[4] **in whose eyes a vile person is despised,**
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

[5] who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *I Corinthians 1:18-31*

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

[18] For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

[20] Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21] For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22] For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23] but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[26] For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30] And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [31] so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *WOV page 31*

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

* Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbø

* Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* **ELW # 754**

* Apostles' Creed

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P: Let us profess our baptismal faith in the triune God.

**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.**

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

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L: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader and Deanna Jordan.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

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

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Responses

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P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV page 36

C: 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. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer *WOV page 37*

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *WOV page 39*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Canticle ***Lamb of God*** *WOV page 39*

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing.

Once all have received:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Blessing *WOV page 41*

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 give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* Hymn ***Let Streams of Living Justice*** **ELW # 710**

* Dismissal *WOV page 41*

P: Go in peace. Christ the Savior is born.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, February 12th at 6:30pm

Good Shepherd's

Ash Wednesday Service

February 18th at 7:00pm

Attendance January 11th
In-person 49, Online 139