



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Officiant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Officiant:** 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.*

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

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

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.*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**Officiant:** 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**

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

**Reader:** 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."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm for Today: Psalm 111**

**Reader:** Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*

**People:** in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Reader:** Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*

**People:** they are studied by all who delight in them.

**Reader:** His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

**People:** and his righteousness endures for ever.

**Reader:** He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*

**People:** the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

**Reader:** He gives food to those who fear him; \*

**People:** he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**Reader:** He has shown his people the power of his works \*

**People:** in giving them the lands of the nations.

**Reader:** The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*

**People:** all his commandments are sure.

**Reader:** They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

**People:** because they are done in truth and equity.

**Reader:** He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; \*

**People:** holy and awesome is his Name.

**Reader:** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*

**People:** those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

**The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11**

**Reader:** What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one

should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM: "Songs of thankfulness and praise" Hymn 135 (vs. 1-3)**

**Susan Hollinger**

**Officiant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

### **Mark 1:21-28**

**Officiant:** 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.

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard**

### **NICENE CREED**

**Officiant and People:** 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: 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.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

#### **Prayers of the People, Form III**

**Reader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

**Reader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Reader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Reader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Reader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Reader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Reader:** Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Reader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

#### (Moment of Silence)

#### Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

##### Prayer for the Nation

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, we commend our nation to your great mercy. Remind us that we must account to you for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States, and especially their officials and representatives, that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

##### Prayer for the Church Universal

**Officiant and People:** Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. May we hold fast to his Baptism by closing the door of hate and opening the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be joyful with clear hearts. May the light of Epiphany lead us as your children to be faithful in shining the light of the Gospel throughout the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

##### Prayer for the Church of Our Redeemer

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

#### CONFESSiON OF SiN

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

**Officiant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

#### THE BLESSING

**Officiant:** O God who at the Baptism of Jesus Christ called all people in their Baptism to ministry and mission, grant that we might follow in his footsteps to shine the light of the Gospel into all the world. And may the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love this day and forever more. *Amen.*

#### DISMISSAL

**Officiant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: "They will know we our Christians by our love"**

**A Media Presentation**

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redeemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redeemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them

    Bonnie Flippo  
    Martin, Kristin & Family  
    Tom, Resha & Bennett  
    Tom's Co-Workers  
    Don & Chris  
    Bob Stewart  
    Alan White  
    Fred & Ginny Warren  
    Mary Murray  
    TJ Hill  
    Russell & Lula  
    Bishop Susan Goff

    Kathy  
    Candi & Taylor  
    The Fairweather Family  
    Tyler Gore  
    Gwenivere Black  
    Barbara Pavone  
    Nettie Stevens  
    Evan Hansen  
    The Rollins Family  
    Liam Ferguson  
    The Pisciotta Family  
    Church of Our Redeemer  
    Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

### Serving Our Country

    Amity Hess  
    All First Responders  
    All Front Line Workers  
    All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.

    Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
    and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*