

January 31, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: No. 314 - "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" - v. 5
and refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,
who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.**

**Praise the One who feeds the hungry
and satisfies the longing of those in need.**

**Praise the One who holds with tenderness the orphan and the
widow
and gives the stranger a land and a home.**

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 682 – "It is Good to Sing Your Praises"

It is good to sing your praises
and to thank you, O Most High,
showing forth your loving kindness
when the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling

of your faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises
songs of adoration swell.

You have filled my heart with gladness
through the works your hands have wrought;
you have made my life victorious;
great your works and deep your thought.
You, O Lord, on high exalted,
reign forevermore in might;
all your enemies shall perish,
sin be banished from your sight.

But the good shall live before you,
planted in your dwelling place,
fruited trees and ever verdant,
nourished by your boundless grace.
In God's goodness to the righteous
God's own righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength and refuge,
just and true are all your ways.

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

Merciful God,

We come before you confessing:

that we are slow to feed the hungry

that we are keepers of the law

and judge those that transform the law.

We come before you confessing:

that we ignore those who are in need of healing and
wholeness

and judge those who provide care to the "undeserving" or
do it in the wrong time and place.

We come before you confessing:

that you have chosen us to be your disciples

but we deny you like Peter or betray you like Judas.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 104 – “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” - v. 3

You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 92 and Luke 6:1-16

SERMON: “What Are We doing?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 415 – “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

Religious leaders hated Jesus because he criticized their hypocrisy and reproved their neglect of justice and mercy. They charged him with blasphemy and sedition when he claimed to speak and act with God's authority. One of Jesus' followers betrayed him.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's very self, not holding our sins against us. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God with us.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: No. 709 – "God, We Honor You"

God, we honor you.
God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring,
offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: No. 539 - "We Will Go Out with Joy"

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Refrain:

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

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