

## **February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, we are forgiven. In the Spirit, we are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, we live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance"

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
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2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **First Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10**

*I appointed you a prophet to the nations*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 71:1-6** *From my mother's womb you have been my strength.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

### **Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

*Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day** "O Word of God Incarnate"

1. O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky,  
we praise Thee for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

2. The church from you, dear Master,  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass,  
that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3. O make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old.  
O teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.

### **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People**

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### **Offering**

### **Giving Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

### **Holy Communion**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Communion Hymns**

#### **"Lamb of God"**

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.

#### **"What Feast of Love"**

1. What feast of love is offered here  
What banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life  
What gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king  
The bread come down from heaven  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

2. What light of truth is offered here  
What covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life  
What wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king  
The sun come down from heaven  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

3. What wine of love is offered here  
What crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life  
What precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king  
The sweetest wine of heaven  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

### **Prayer after Communion**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

### **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**