



Welcome to Christ Church

January 31, 2016

Epiphany 4



*All Service Notes: The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet. Hymns are in the larger blue books. Prayer List is on the stand. **Welcome materials** are on the back table. The Schedule on the back table includes the service participants for today.*

10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

598 Processional Hymn (in the Blue Hymnal Book)

Leader: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier

People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

(and together) **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.**

S280 Gloria (spoken together)

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.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray

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**

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Jeremiah 1:4-10 (the congregation may be seated)

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



My tongue will pro-claim your righ-teous-ness, O Lord.

Psalm 71:1-6

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; * *let me never be ashamed.*

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

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

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. [antiphon]

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

6 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. [antiphon]

A Reading (Lesson) from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people **People:** **Thanks be to God.**

448 Gradual Hymn (*Before Gospel vss. 1-3, after 4-5*) (*please all stand*)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 4:21-30 (*Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord **People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Homily Dave Carter (*all may be seated*)

The Nicene Creed: 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.

Epiphany Litany (*Lay reader and congregation standing preferred*)

Reader: "For it is the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shown in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ." (from 2Cor.)

O Lord, you care for the vulnerable: feeding the hungry multitudes with the bread of life; healing the lepers and lame; delivering the demon-possessed; forgiving shamed and sin-sick souls; rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep,

All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: O Lord, for our sake you became poor: it is your face we see in the hungry and homeless, the lost the lonely, the persecuted and imprisoned, the broken and bereaved,

All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: O Lord, you care for the simple and the childlike, and use what seems weak to confound the strong; being persecuted by the priests, mocked by the scholars, slain by the rulers, you loved your own to the end,

All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: O Lord, you reach out for the lost; calling us to forsake all, so that, in having you, we might possess all things; by your terrible love on Calvary; by your victorious love at Easter;

All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: O Lord, you inspire love's heroism in saints and martyrs; you promise a peace and joy that no one can take; you reveal your particular power in those whom the world holds of no account,

All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: O Lord, you promised to prepare a mansion for those who love you, we remember our loved ones who have died... (*intercessions list*).

Reader: O Lord, you promised to be with us forever, we ask for your healing in the lives of those we hold before you now ... (*intercessions list for the sick*)

And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: *Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Tim and Jay* (*and names from the sheet*)

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

especially for those celebrating birthdays...*Gail McCarthy, Carlyn Morrison, Amy Lusa, Newell Hale III, Mary Wishart* (*and from the sheet*)

For those celebrating anniversaries...

All: Almighty God, Give us the vision and vocational awareness and steadfastness of purpose to bring the light of Christ into the world's dark places: into the hardness of the human heart; into the depths of cruelty and injustice; into the lives of those hungry for bread, hungry for hope, hungry for love; into the depths of doubt and despair. In Your name. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: And also with you

Offertory Anthem (*the ushers pass the collection*)

Offertory Presentation (380 verse 3) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

S120 The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Celebrant continues..... It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

S128 Together..... 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues... And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with our loved ones and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

Sung Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread:

S155 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

490 Young People's Entrance Hymn

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion (325, Levas 146) *(all are invited to communion)*

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (optional): Friends in Christ we send forth our visitors bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **For though we are many, we are one body.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Celebrant and People: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing, sung AMEN

Announcements

569 Recessional Hymn