

HOLY COMMUNION: *Setting Four, January 31, 2021*

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Modified service

GATHERING

PRELUDE AND RINGING OF THE BELL

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Song:

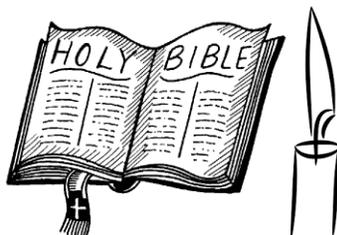
“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Won't let Satan 'blow' it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan 'blow' it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan 'blow' it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - *responsive*

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“HERE I AM, LORD”

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain:

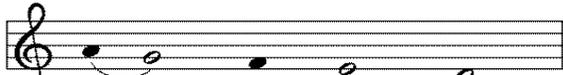
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.



Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



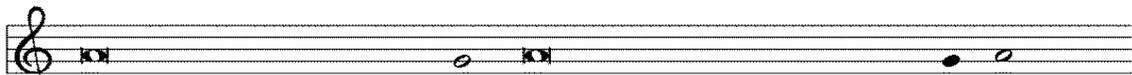
Lord, have mer - cy.



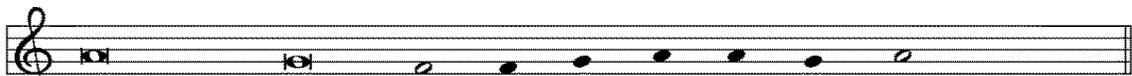
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



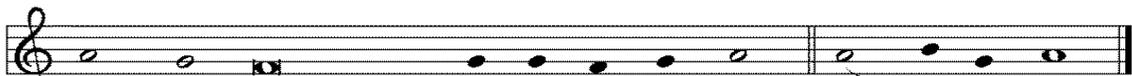
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

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(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC SOLO Roger Bokano

GOD'S WORD

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They 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." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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;
he descended to the dead.*
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.**

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - January 31, 2021

Gracious God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in our church bulletin prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

(Assisting Minister)

OFFERING PRAYER

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,
your children come before you.
Here is food! Here is drink!
These things are yours before they are ours.
Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:
God, we are thanking you.
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,
O God, we thank you and rejoice.
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for giving us freedom.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for bringing us peace.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

C We thank you!

A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.
With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.
Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.
Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:
'All of you, take this, eat this;
it is my body, handed over for you.
Do this and remember me.'

C The body of Christ! Amen.

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:
'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.
This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

C The blood of Christ! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, for all is prepared.

Amen.

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

Amen.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Go Now in Peace”

by Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE