

Order of Worship
January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME

OPENING WORDS

O God, surround us with your love envelop us in your grace, clothe us with your compassion. Send forth your spirit so we may hear your word and internalize it for our lives. We come before you as open vessels ready to be filled.

From From the Psalms to the Cloud: Connecting to the Digital Age. Maria Mankin & Maren C. Tirabassi , Eds..

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 111

Leader By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

People: in the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,

Leader: in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

People: in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

Leader: By this I have known the power of the Lord:

People: in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,

Leader: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,

People: in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

People: Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

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OPENING HYMN *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #261

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you, in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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DOXOLOGY – expressing praise to God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Dedication of the Gifts

From Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship. Maren C. Tirabassi & Maria I Tirabassi, Eds..

PASTORAL PRAYER followed by The 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. Amen.

HYMN *We Meet You, O Christ* #183, v.1, 2, 4

We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise; your image we see in simple and wise. You live in a palace, exist in a shack; we see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.

In human distress we still hear you cry; for freedom you march, in riots you die. Your face in the papers we read and we see. The tree must be planted by human decree.

You choose to be made at one with the earth; the dark of the grave prepares for your birth. Your death is your rising, creative your word; the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.

SCRIPTURE **Mark 1:21-28**

SERMON **Cast Out My Demons, Please!**

CLOSING HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* #22, v.1, 3, 4

All creatures of our God and king, lift up your voice and with us sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION