

Early Service Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Four

As We Gather Jesus' authority is unmistakable. He is the prophet foretold, who speaks the Word of truth. This holy Word of truth in Jesus commands, restrains, and rebukes evil spirits. Divine wisdom and action in Christ trump human knowledge. It is He alone who builds up people in everlasting love. We can only boast that Jesus loves us because we are fully known by God. By His authority, our weaknesses are cared for and our sins forgiven.

Prelude *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Chuck Marohnic

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 203*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P Praise the Lord, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Opening Hymn *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* *LSB 912*

Exhortation *Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

P Together we confess:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C **Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

P Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- C** **You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

A The First Reading for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany is from Deuteronomy, chapter eighteen.

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**1 God's holy ways are just and true,
His promises are ever new:
O praise Him, alleluia!
Let every heart with praises sing
and make this house with voices ring:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 Bring back to mind His grace and love,
our needs provided from above:
O praise Him, alleluia!
He kept His word and Jesus came
to make a people for His name:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Tell once again His deeds of old,
the story of our mighty God:
O praise Him, alleluia!
For all His glorious works and ways
we shall rejoice through endless days:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter eight.

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed

there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"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 out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register, first toward the side aisle and then back to the center aisle. Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Please stand as you are able

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 209

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

Collect

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction *Psalm 103:1, Numbers 6:23-27 LSB 212*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811

Announcements

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

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Music Notes for January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Prelude for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany is a pair of piano settings of the Offertory Hymn, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (LSB 849). These arrangements, written by American pianist Chuck Marohnic, feature rich, jazz-inflected harmonies. Marohnic, who is primarily known for his work as a jazz pianist and educator, served as Director of Jazz Studies at Arizona State University for over two decades.

The Voluntary during the gathering of the tithes and offerings at the 8:15 service is a hymn improvisation on “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” (LSB 811) by American organist and composer Paul Manz (1919-2009). This improvisation, which has a lilting, pastoral quality, was inspired by the third stanza of the hymn:

*You forest leaves so green and tender that dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, you flowers so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God’s praise alone. Join me to make His glory known.*

The Postlude is David Cherwien’s (b. 1957) vigorous and exciting chorale fugue on the Closing Hymn, “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” (LSB 811). Cherwien’s setting, which originated as an improvisation, is inspired by the first stanza of the hymn:

*Oh, that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.*