

**Morning Worship
4th Sunday of Epiphany
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Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time
to remember where you are,
and why you are here.
Give thanks
and become still
in the presence of God

PRELUDE

GATHERING IN

Thinking we know all the answers,
yet wondering if we haven't missed something:
we enter this sanctuary of Truth.
In the company of sinners,
in communion with saints:
we gather as God's people.
Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith;
seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:
we lift our praise to God.

Song

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how You heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer
Yet we believe Your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care
Your hands though bloodied on the cross
Survive to hold and heal and warn
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn

The pain that will not go away
The guilt that clings from things long past
The fear of what the future holds
Are present as if meant to last
But present too is love which tends
The hurt we never hoped to find
The private agonies inside
The memories that haunt the mind

So some have come who need Your help
And some have come to make amends
As hands which shaped and saved the world
Are present in the touch of friends
Lord let Your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body mind and soul
To disentangle peace from pain
And make Your broken people whole

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Let us pray with words from Psalm 128

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are steadfast for ever and ever,
done in faithfulness and uprightness.**

He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever-- holy and
awesome is his name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good
understanding. To him belongs eternal
praise.**

THE COLLECT

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark 1:21-28

Glory to you, O Lord

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Song

Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

INTERCESSIONS by Lauren



Jesus, you came to set us free from so many things which plague our human existence. You came to free us from prejudice, from self-centeredness, from the power of sin in our lives and, finally, from death itself. Help us to live out his freedom, recognizing that you have made us free by your grace and power.

Lord in Your mercy, **set us free.**

Father, we acknowledge that our world is terribly flawed. We see the symptoms of a disordered world in the daily news and all around us. We pray for your healing hand to be upon those countries damaged by war and pollution and for the many places in turmoil. Give leaders compassion to come together as an international community. And instill in us a desire to make changes at a local level.

Lord in Your mercy, **set us free.**

God of Healing, we pray for the broken, the lost and the hopeless. We pray especially for those battling with anxious or depressed thoughts; those unable to cope with financial burdens; those struggling to juggle working at home, home schooling and family life. May your restoring power bring peace and sanity to all relationships and to all who feel there is no way forward. We pray especially for Margaret and Brian who are both fighting cancer, bring miraculous healing to them and lift their spirits at this time.

Lord in Your mercy, **set us free.**

Father, as Holocaust Memorial Day was remembered this week, we pray for all those who are victims of persecution, oppression, or racism; for those held in slavery, those deprived of food and water, those fleeing their homes, those who confess Christ before their enemies. Give courage in place of fear, may they know that your light is stronger than any darkness.

Lord in Your mercy, **set us free.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
when scorn and shame besiege us
and hope is veiled in grief,
hold us in your wounded hands,
make your face to shine on us,
for you are our Lord and God.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In the language of our hearts, let us pray as our
Saviour taught us

THE PEACE

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Song

Be still and know

Be still and know that I am God
And there is none beside Me
Be still and know that I am God
And there is none beside Me

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THE BLESSING

The power of God be around us,
the love of Christ enfold us,
the joy of the Spirit be within us;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us, and remain with us always.

THE CONCLUSION

May the authority of Christ Jesus keep us from all evil.

Amen!

May he endow us with great love and fill us with joy and praise.

Amen!

May we share our blessings and experience the special happiness of the generous.

Amen!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
will be with us now and always.

Amen!

POSTLUDE

NOTICES

