

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
**=== Abbreviated Morning Prayer ===**  
**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: January 31, 2021**  
**The Season of Epiphany**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Gather #372, “O God of Matchless Glory,” v. 1 & 2

Verse 1:

O God of matchless glory,  
Of all-surpassing worth,  
You fill the world with wonder;  
You bring the stars to birth.  
To whom shall we sing praises?  
To whom, O God, but you?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are our God;  
We belong to you.

Verse 2:

With Wisdom as your partner  
You formed the earth and sea;  
And still she calls the simple,  
“Be wise and learn from me.”  
Who else gives rest in labor?  
Who else, O God, but you?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We share your yoke;  
We belong to you.

Officiant I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** *Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.  
**Response** *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

**All** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate**      *Psalm 100    Jubilate Deo*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

*For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

**Psalm**      *Psalm 111    Confitebor tibi*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.*

*Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.*

*His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.*

*He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

*He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.*

*He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.*

*The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.*

*They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.*

*He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

[No Old Testament or Epistle readings today]

**\*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**The Gospel – Mark 1:21-28**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Response** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

**Response** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection – Rev. Lois**

**13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

A Reader leads the recitation

**Reader and People together**

*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.*

*Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

*Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.*

*Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

*Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.*

*Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant      The Lord be with you.

**Response**      ***And also with you.***

Officiant      Let us pray.

**All**              ***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.***

Officiant Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage B**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your Name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Doxology**

**All** *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.*

**Reader:** Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. Please use this treasure we have humbly offered to Christ the Lord Church to best meet the many urgent needs of our community, as well as to provide needed support for our parish. **Amen.**

*Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **A Prayer for a Church Convention or Meeting**

**Officiant:** Gracious Father, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel today for the renewal and mission of Christ the Lord Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

**Reader:** Eternal God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [KRIS-us-tum]

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* *Thanks be to God.*

**Closing Hymn** – Gather #599, “One Bread, One Body,” v. 1 & 2

#### Refrain:

One bread, one body,  
One Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

#### Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man  
no more.  
(to Refrain)

#### Verse 2:

Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord  
of all.  
(to Refrain)

Officiant    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Don't forget to join us for CTL's Annual Meeting after the service through Zoom! Check your email from Sandy for details.