

January 31 Bulletin

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

French Dance No. 4, “La Basque”, *Marin Marais*

Alexander Stefaniak piano, Eliana Haig viola

*The congregation is invited to say the words together **in bold**. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place your advent wreath, or three candles, to light during the opening prayer.*

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Song of Praise

SING TOGETHER:

- Bring in each group one by one.

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

Opening Sentences

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

O God, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider reads ancient prayers that signify our longing for Christ's coming, and the coming of God's reign. You are invited to light a candle with us.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

There is a Balm, in Gilead –

There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And_ think my work's in vain, — But —
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
 3. Don't_ ev - er be dis - cour-aged For_ Je - sus is your friend, — And_

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
 3. if you lack for know-ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____

D.C.

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Following an ancient pattern originally from Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set calendar for what will be read when.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

The Lord your God will raise up a prophet like me from your community, from your fellow Israelites. He's the one you must listen to. That's exactly what you requested from the Lord your God at Horeb, on the day of the assembly, when you said, "I can't listen to the Lord my God's voice anymore or look at this great fire any longer. I don't want to die!"

The Lord said to me: What they've said is right. I'll raise up a prophet for them from among their fellow Israelites—one just like you. I'll put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. I myself will hold accountable anyone who doesn't listen to my words, which that prophet will speak in my name. However, any prophet who arrogantly speaks a word in my name that I haven't commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet must die.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 111)

Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your deeds, O God;
they are studied by all who delight in them.

Your work is full of majesty and splendor,
and your righteousness endures for ever.

You make your marvelous works to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you;
you are ever mindful of your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all your commandments are sure.

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

You sent redemption to your people;
you commanded your covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is your Name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
God's praise endures for ever.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 1:21-28)
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Angell

It Is Well With My Soul

Juliet Jackson

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

[See Announcements](#)

Prayers of the People

You may add your prayer requests in the comments at any time. Know that people will pray for you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For equity, and peace across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, especially Joseph, our president, Kamala our vice-president and the whole incoming administration, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. We give you thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jean Davis, Jessica Gardner, Kia Williams, and Maggie Linck; and for those celebrating anniversaries this week. God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; for those who have died of COVID and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Prayers

The Concluding Prayer by Dr. King is followed by the ancient prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the generations of mission and ministry at Holy Communion. May we heed your call in our own time. Help us to live our core values. May we be a people of Welcome, inviting and including newcomers to our church. Unite us and teach us to celebrate the rich Diversity of the human family. Lead us beyond our walls to better serve the wider Community. We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, who shared your vision and mission for the world. **Amen.**

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.**

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.

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

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise – Hymnal 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Give Me Jesus” arr. Ron McVey
Jae Park, piano

Service Leaders
Officiant: The Rev. Marc Smith
Preacher: The Rev. Mike Angell
Deacon: The Rev. Chester Hines
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Lectors: Julie Farrar, Ellis Anderson
The Lord’s Prayer: Kim Hudson
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Soloist: Juliet Jackson
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