



## Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

### The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude**

**Treaty Acknowledgement & Announcements**

Derwyn Crozier-Smith

*(Please stand)*

**Opening Sentence**

Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.

*(See Matthew 4.23)*

**Processional Hymn: CP #559**

**“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”**

**Greeting:** BAS p.185

**The Gloria:** BAS 186 (text); CP #686 (song)

**Collect of the Day:** BAS p.352

*(Please be seated)*

**Children’s Time – Blessing Song**

***God bless and keep you*** *(both hands raised in blessing)*

***God shine upon you*** *(hands circling like a sunrise)*

***God’s gracious presence*** *(hands folded in prayer)*

***Abide with you in peace*** *(one hand raised in blessing)* **Repeat**

### The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15–20**

Madison Christensen

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 111:** BAS p.860



**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8.1–13**

Madison Christensen

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet 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.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

*(Please stand)*

**Gradual Hymn (Alleluia): CP# 712, v.2**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**The Gospel: Mark 1.21–28**

They 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

Laura Marie Piotrowicz

*(Please stand)*

**Nicene Creed:** BAS p.188-189

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession and Absolution:** BAS p.191

**The Peace:** BAS p.192

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn:** Fam Jam CP #578

**“O Healing River”**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** BAS p.353

**Eucharistic Prayer #4:** BAS p.201

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord:** CP #689

**The Lord's Prayer:** BAS p.211

**The Breaking of Bread #6:** BAS p.213

**Lamb of God:** CP #690

Come to the table! You are welcome to receive a blessing or, if you are baptized, to receive communion.

Please accept the bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the wine, the blood of Christ, by common cup, you may touch the bottom of the cup and know that the blood of our risen Christ is shed for you.

Prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel.

**Communion Hymn: Fam Jam CP #512**

**"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"**

**Prayer after Communion:** BAS p.353

**Glory to God:** BAS p.214

### **The Sending Forth of the People of God**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: CP #631**

**"The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy"**

**Dismissal:** Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

**Our Beautiful Flowers at the Nave Altar Today  
are in memory of Iris Basrab  
from her daughter Marilyn and Ole Jennett**