



Order of Service for Sunday January 28, 2024
~ 4th Sunday after the Epiphany ~
10 am Holy Eucharist
the Rev. Deacon Keehna Sture,
Kay Young, Preaching & Pastor Wally Gustav, Celebrant
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR

Prelude

Ray Hendricks

Opening Hymn #371 "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

The Greeting:

Presider

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider *(please say together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria *(please sing together)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect for today - *let us say together:*

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson is a reading from Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Lector

Moses said: 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."

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**



- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**
- ² Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.**
- ³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.**
- ⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.**
- ⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.**
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.**

The Second Lesson from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lector

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.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God’s People

- ***Thanks be to God***

Gospel Hymn #440

“Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”



- ***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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

- ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

S. Kay Young

The Nicene Creed *(let us say together)*

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Prayers of the People, *(A special Form for Epiphany)*

PotP Reader

Reader: Illumined by the light of Christ, let us bring to God not only our needs, but the needs of the world and God's people everywhere.

Reader: For the Church, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation, made visible in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.



Reader: For St. Martin's parish family, that our lives may radiate Christ's light to all we meet and serve in our community, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For an end to conflict in our troubled world: that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of Christ's peace and love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in need of our prayers: the homeless, the lonely; the hungry; the dying; the grieving, and all those undergoing personal trials and challenges, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the sick, especially those we call to mind now, either silently or aloud (*pause...*), that their illnesses may be turned into health, and their sorrow into rejoicing, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died, especially those among our families and friends, whose memories still bring light to our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

Reader and People

Reader

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider:

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory;

Ray Hendricks

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation 'Doxology (sing to the tune Old One hundredth)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (sing SANCTUS to the tune S. 128 in the front of the Blue Hymnal)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.



Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer (let us sing together)
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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 forever. Amen. Amen.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion of the People Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn # 508 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Prayer of Thanksgiving Celebrant
**Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer for St. Martin's Deacon
God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book) Celebrant

**Traveling Mercies
Announcements**

Seasonal Blessing Celebrant

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may behold your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #493 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing!"

Dismissal Deacon

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude Ray Hendricks

