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## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

*Year B*

*& Annual Meeting Sunday*

January 28, 2024

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

*Welcome to All Saints' Wolfeboro, we are glad you have joined us in person or online! Worship lies at the heart of our lives following Jesus and the Way of Love. When we gather in worship we express and pray what we believe, encountering God in and through the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.*

## Prelude

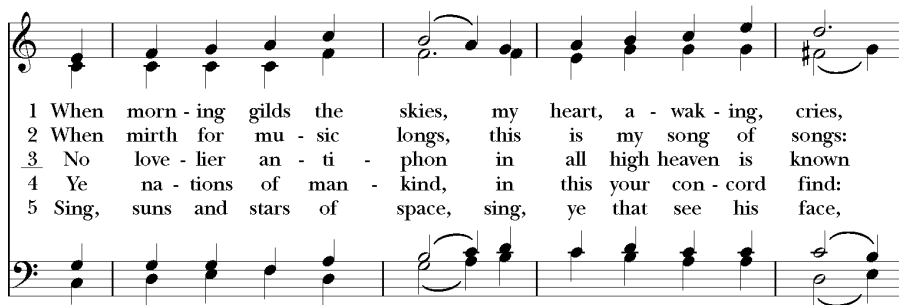
This is the day the Lord has made – A. Giamanco  
Prelude in Classic Style – Gordon Young

## Welcome

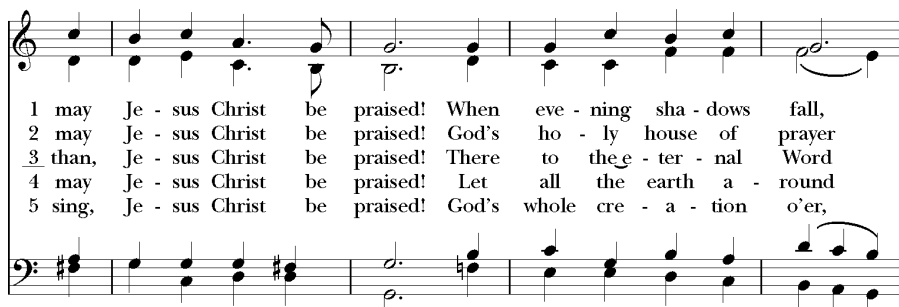
*The Celebrant greets the gathered worshippers*

*The people stand in body or spirit.*

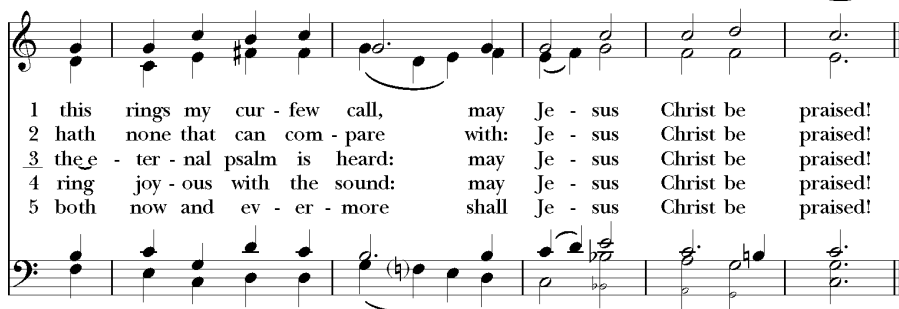
## Processional Hymn #427 When morning gilds the skies (v 1,2 - 4,5)



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

## Song of Praise- (*Glory to God*) – S 280 Canticle 20 (1982 hymnal)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



**Collect Of The Day** *The prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray 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 people sit.*

**WORD OF GOD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**LESSONS** *We hear the Word of God proclaimed.*

**First Lesson** **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*In our opening reading Moses promises the people that, after his death, God will raise up another prophet for them. The people cannot face God directly but need an intermediary to speak God’s words. To him they must listen, for the false prophet who presumes to speak in the Lord’s name will die. In later centuries this oracle was interpreted to mean that God would raise up one final prophet to succeed Moses. Some early Christians believed Jesus to be this new Moses.*

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 111**

*A song of praise to the mighty and awesome Lord, who is steadfast and full of compassion.*

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.**

## **The Second Lesson**

### **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*In this lesson Paul gives counsel to the Corinthians who are unsure whether it is permissible to eat the meat of animals that have been sacrificed in pagan temples. Since there is only one true God, such sacrifices are really meaningless, and the meat can be eaten in good conscience. Yet this understanding of the issue must not be treated as superior knowledge with respect to those whose consciences are still troubled. Out of love it is better for those who believe themselves enlightened to avoid eating such meat than to encourage weaker members to do what they regard as sinful and so perhaps to be led back into paganism.*

**Reader**            A reading from Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians.

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.

**Reader**            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People**            **Thanks be to God**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Gospel**

### **Mark 1:21-28**

*In our gospel Jesus both teaches and acts with authority. His teaching was more than interpretation of the law. It was a proclamation of the new possibilities of God's kingdom. He backed his words with his actions. Unclean spirits recognized him and submitted to his power to deliver a man from his disorder.*

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

*People*          **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.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

**Sermon**

Rev. William Petersen

**Hymn of the Day** "A New Anointing" – R. Still **Found on page 14**

**NICENE CREED**

*We profess our faith with the whole church.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who 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**                      *The Leader and People pray responsively*

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**



Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Confession** *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
Silence may be kept*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

**Absolution** 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.*

**The Peace** *We share the gift of Christ's peace and love.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people sit*

**Announcements** *We share our life of faith together in community.*

**The Offering** *An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world*

I appeal to you, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

*For everyone's safety, we will not pass the traditional plate during today's service. Instead, an offering plate is available at the entrances to the worship space, or you may visit [wolfesaints.com/donate](http://wolfesaints.com/donate).*



*The people stand in body or spirit.*

**HOLY COMMUNION** *God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ*

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and (say) sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*(8am spoken, 10am sung)*

## **Sanctus S 125**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The people sit or kneel.*

## **Communion Meditation** How Beautiful – *Twila Paris*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty and everliving 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.**

**THE SENDING**                      *God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.*  
*The people stand in body or spirit.*

**Sending Blessing**    *We stand to receive God's blessing.*

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** #690 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah    **Found on page 15**

**Dismissal**                                      *We depart to live as Christ's body in the world.*

*Leader*                      Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    O God our help in ages past – *arr. D. Gustafson (TOP Jan 2016)*

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# Hymn of the Day



1. This is the sea - son for a new a - noint - ing, this is the sea -  
 2. In the be - gin - ning God cre - at - ed, and for His pleas -



son for a fresh out - pour - ing that the sons and daugh - ters of the  
 ure all cre - a - tion sings. Ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter of the



King of glo - ry may a - rise and shine, that the sons and daugh - ters of the  
 King of glo - ry now a - rise and shine. Ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter of the



King of glo - ry may a - rise and shine. We de - clare: This is the day, this is the day,  
 King of glo - ry now a - rise and shine.



this is the day that the Lord has made. I will re - joice, I will re - joice, I will re - joice

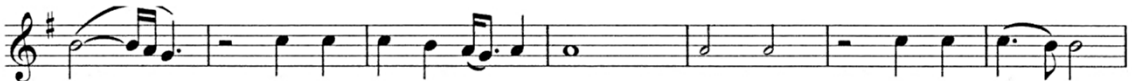


and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day, this is the day that the Lord has

## BRIDGE



made. Let Your glo - ry fill the



earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry



fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. We de - clare:

# Sending Hymn

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

**Worship Bulletin** ~ We follow the order of worship from The Book of Common Prayer as it is printed in this bulletin. Leader parts are in regular print; the congregation parts are in **bold** print. Notes and directions are printed in *italics*. Hymn numbers are noted in this bulletin and can be found in The Hymnal 1982 found in the pew racks.

**All are invited to receive Communion in this church.**

**The Common Cup as an Option** Following guidance from Bishop +Rob to clergy and discussion with our Worship and Music Team and Vestry, we will offer the option of receiving wine by common cup as we offer the option of gluten free bread during Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers will continue to distribute wine via individual cups and if you desire the common cup\*, please ask Pastor Bill (just as you would for gluten free).

**\*Note:** *For sanitation concerns and at the direction of our bishop, we will no longer offer the opportunity for Intinction (the dipping of the bread/wafer into the wine. The common cup is only available for drinking from.*

**Facility Information** ~ Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs in the hallways exiting the Parish Hall and upstairs in the hallway exiting the sanctuary. A small restroom is located off the narthex lobby at the rear of the worship space. We welcome children in worship, but should you (or they) need, an unstaffed nursery area is located off the narthex lobby.

**Seeking a Church Home?** ~ If you would like additional information about All Saints', are seeking a faith community to call home, or interested in exploring your faith, please speak with the rector.

**Masks are not required** in the building at the present time. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, then you are encouraged to do so.

**Sharing of the peace** will be done from your seat only.

**Offering plates** are available at entrances to the worship space or giving online @ wolfesaints.com.

**We continue to livestream** for those unable to worship in person.



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