

# Morning Prayer

## The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany, Year B

January 31, 2021

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### Prelude

### Announcements

### Opening Sentence

*The Presider says*

From the rising of the sun to its setting, my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

### Opening Hymn

Hymnal 371

*Thou whose almighty word*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

## Confession of Sin

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**God of all mercy,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you,  
 opposing your will in our lives.  
 We have denied your goodness in each other,  
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
 the evil we have done,  
 and the evil done on our behalf.  
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 that we may abide in your love  
 and serve only your will. Amen.**

*A Priest says*

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Presider* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* **And your glory all the day long.**

**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. Alleluia.**

Presider The Holy One is in our midst:  
People O come let us worship.

### Jubilate Psalm 100

Tune: Winchester New

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.

### Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

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

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant forever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures forever.**

**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.**

*Presider* The Holy One is in our midst:  
*People* **O come let us worship.**

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] <sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>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.’ <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>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* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Canticle 8: The Song of Moses**

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;\*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

**The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign \*  
**for ever and 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 forever. Amen.**

### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning meat that has been sacrificed to a false god: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone thinks they know something, they don't yet know as much as they should know. <sup>3</sup> But if someone loves God, then they are known by God.

<sup>4</sup> So concerning the actual food involved in these sacrifices to false gods, we know that a false god isn't anything in this world, and that there is no God except for the one God. <sup>5</sup> Granted, there are so-called "gods," in heaven and on the earth, as there are many gods and many lords. <sup>6</sup> However, for us believers,

There is one God the Father.

All things come from him, and we belong to him.

And there is one Lord Jesus Christ.

All things exist through him, and we live through him.

<sup>7</sup> But not everybody knows this. Some are eating this food as though it really is food sacrificed to a real idol, because they were used to idol worship until now. Their conscience is weak because it has been damaged. <sup>8</sup> Food won't bring us close to God. We're not missing out if we don't eat, and we don't have any advantage if we do eat. <sup>9</sup> But watch out or else this freedom of yours might be a problem for those who are weak. <sup>10</sup> Suppose someone sees you (the person who has knowledge) eating in an idol's temple. Won't the person with a weak conscience be encouraged to eat the meat sacrificed to false gods? <sup>11</sup> The weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed by your knowledge. <sup>12</sup> You sin against Christ if you sin against your brothers and sisters and hurt their weak consciences this way. <sup>13</sup> This is why, if food causes the downfall of my brother or sister, I won't eat meat ever again, or else I may cause my brother or sister to fall.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

Tune: *Dickinson College*

*Where charity and love prevail*

Where cha-ri-ty and love pre-vail there will our  
With grate-ful joy and ho-ly fear may Je-sus'  
Love can ex-clude no race or creed if ho---nored  
Let strife a-mong us be un-known and all of

God be ev-er found; brought here to- ge- ther by Christ's  
 cha- ri- ty we learn; let us with heart and mind and  
 be God's ho- ly Name; our com- mon life em- bra- ces  
 our con-ten-tions cease. Be God's the glo- ry that we

love by him to- ge- ther we are bound.  
 strength for- ev- er love him in re- turn.  
 all whose God and Fa- ther is the same.  
 seek; be ours God's deep and ho- ly peace.

**Third Reading**

Mark 1:21-28

A Reading from Mark.

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### The Prayers

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**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 forever. Amen.**

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.**

*Collect of the Day*

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.**

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome



by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Intercessions and thanksgivings**

*Presider* We gather in your name, Jesus, because we know who you are. You know our deepest needs and weaknesses, and we look to you in hope. Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.

*Intercessor* The world is hurting and restless for you, Lord. The earth is stressed and cries out for protection. Its peoples cry out in hunger and fear. We turn to you in need of deliverance. **Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.**

We pray for your Church as it walks your Way of Life. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for wisdom and stamina for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Grace Church, Detroit; and St Paul & St Luke, San Isidro, in the Dominican Republic. May your people and their leaders know deeply your loving, liberating life-giving presence. **Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for those who govern all over the world, that they may pursue justice and practice peace. Equip them with the courage and resources to respond to the needs of their people. **Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.**

*Silence is kept.*

For those who have lost their freedom to addiction, for those who wrestle with worry, for those who struggle with mobility, communication, and relationship. For those who are ill and facing surgery or treatments. For those who will soon give birth, and those who have lost a pregnancy. We pray today for [\_\_\_\_\_]. We look to you for care of all these to give them hope through your presence. **Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.**

*Silence is kept.*

We proclaim our gratefulness for all goodness and joy [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. **Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.**

*Silence is kept.*

We commend to you the souls of [\_\_\_\_\_ and all] those who have died and ask you to comfort those whose hearts ache with grief. **Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider*

We offer our prayers to God the Father, from whom are all things, and for whom we exist; and our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we exist, in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, who lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts.

**Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

My sisters and brothers, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day

our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. **Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The General Thanksgiving*

**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 our selves 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.**

**Concluding Hymn**  
*Go light your world*

Chorus Book 68

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Go Light Your World" in 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef staff with guitar chords indicated above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line containing three numbered verses. The second line continues the lyrics, and the third line concludes them. The chords are: G, Em, G7, C, G, F2, F, C/G, G, C.

1. There is a can - dle in ev - 'ry soul, Some burn - ing  
 2. Frus - trat - ed broth - er, see how he's tried to Light his own  
 3. We are a fam - 'ly whose hearts are blaz - ing. Let's raise our

bright - ly, some dark and cold. There is a Spir - it who brings a  
 can - dle some oth - er way. See now your sis - ter, she's been robbed and  
 can - dles - light up the sky! Pray to our Fath - er in the name of

fire, — Ig - nites a can - dle and makes His home.  
 lied to, Still holds a can - dle with-out a flame. Car-ry your  
 Je - sus; Make us a bea - con in dark - est times.

can - dle, run to the dark - ness, Seek out the hope - less, con - fused and

torn. Hold out your can - dle for all to see it, Take your

can - dle, and go light your world. — Take your can - dle, and go light your world.

**Blessing and Dismissal**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Presider* Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
*People* **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Postlude**

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**REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH**

**To make an offering to St Barnabas**, please mail your check to the church: 20500 W Old US-12, Chelsea MI 48118-1309. Mail is being collected daily.

**CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS  
TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter still to come.

**Needed right now:** *boxed/shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, salt/pepper, spices, coffee, tea bags, sugar, flour, canned tuna, crackers, cake mix, canned frosting, dish soap, women’s hygiene products.* You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. The **next Food Drive at the church** will be on February 21, the date of the next BC meeting. The building will be open for you to leave your donations.

Financial donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at [www.faithinaction1.org](http://www.faithinaction1.org), by [Facebook](#), or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118.* **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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**Who are all those Bishops?**

If you have ever wondered who are Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig, for whom we pray each week, here they are:

- Bonnie A. Perry, our Bishop
- Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop
- Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
- Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic
- Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Donald P. Kreiss, Bishop of the SE Michigan Synod of the ELCA  
Craig A. Satterlee, Bishop of the NW Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA

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**Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey**

**Join St Barnabas'** twice-weekly Zoom check-in! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.  
Contact Marion if you need the link.

**Watch** Washington National Cathedral's live-streamed Eucharist and Daily Office services,  
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<https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

**Watch** our Diocesan Cathedral's services for Bishop Bonnie Perry's sermons,  
<https://www.edomi.org/whatshe said/sermons/>

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**Upcoming Commemorations**

- Jan 31 John Bosco: Priest, 1888; and, Samuel Shoemaker: Priest and Evangelist, 1963
- Feb. 1 Brigid of Kildare, Monastic, c.523
- 2 The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple: Candlemas Day
- 3 The *Dorchester* Chaplains: Lt. George Fox: Pastor, Lt. Alexander D. Goode: Rabbi, Lt. Clark V. Poling: Pastor, and Lt. John P. Washington: Priest, 1943
- 4 Cornelius the Centurion;  
and, Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark & Sweden, 865
- 5 Roger Williams, 1683, and Anne Hutchinson, 1643: Prophetic Witnesses
- 6 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

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**January 31, 2021 – Epiphany 4B**

**The Feast of the Presentation: Candlemas Day**

Each year on February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification, and

Candlemas. This feast commemorates the 40th day after Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the Jerusalem Temple and Mary was purified in accordance with Jewish Law.

The Book of Leviticus mandates that, after childbirth, a woman must go to the temple to offer "two turtle-doves or two pigeons, one for a burnt-offering and the other for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean" (Leviticus 12:8).

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is chronicled in the Gospel of Luke, when St. Simeon the Righteous saw Jesus in the temple and "took him in his arms and praised God," saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30).

This blessing by Simeon is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis* or "The Song of Simeon":

*Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
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*  
(Luke 2:29-32; *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 120).



*An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, edited by Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, explains that when the celebration of the Presentation was first introduced in Rome in the seventh century, it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*, which is why this feast also became known as "Candlemas."

**Collect for the Presentation**

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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**Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world,  
guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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