

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 31,2021**  
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Sechelt, BC

**Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements**

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Song #665 Rise, Shine, You People!**

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**  
For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**  
For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**  
For this holy house, for houses everywhere, and for all in these places  
who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Saviour. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **PSALM 111**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

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

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for 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 heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

### **Hymn of the Day      #312    Jesus, Come! For We Invite You**

Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;

bring your gifts, command your servants,  
let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! in new creation,  
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!

### **HOLY GOSPEL MARK 1:21-28**

#### ***Glory to You, O Lord***

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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

#### ***Music for Reflection***

#### **Sermon**

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with COVID19, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For nations without the money or personnel to combat the growing threat of COVID 19, that wealthy nations may respond with compassion; and that Jesus' 'little ones' receive the care and love they need.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community *Ed and Gwen, Dorothy and Ingrid, Merv and Marlene, Erika and Rikki, Pam and Bud, Marianne and Tory, Sharon and Phil, Albert and Randi, and those we name now in silence or aloud. . .*), that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy would surround them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace/Offering/Offertory**

*A musical reflection is played while the table is prepared*

**MEAL**

**Let Us Break Bread Together #471**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain*

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

**Offering Prayer**

Good and loving God, **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

God is with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**  
Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Epiphany Prayer of Thanksgiving over the gifts of field and vine

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (sung)

**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.**

Fraction        The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation      Taste and see that our God is good.

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**

**Sharing of the Meal** *Music is played during the distribution*

**Prayer after the Meal**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

Benediction

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**#307 Light Shone in Darkness**

Light shone in darkness at the world's creation,  
bathing in beauty nature's revelation.  
All that has being, cry in adoration,  
"Praise for the light. Amen!"

Light shone in darkness at the new creation;  
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.  
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,  
praise for the light. Amen!

Light shines in darkness till the full creation;  
Christ's body, groaning, suffers tribulation,  
longs for God's justice, global transformation,  
prays for the light. Amen!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude