

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC
A Service of Word and Sacrament

Preservice music/announcements

GATHERING

Welcome

In this time and place, we gather on the *swiya*,
the unceded ancestral lands of the shíshálh Nation.

With people from many places and times, we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place, we give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.
A light no darkness can quench.

In this time and place, we give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh. The light of all people.

In this time and place, we pray that the Spirit of God
will be renewed in our hearts and minds.
That we might be the light of God in the world.

In this time and place, together, one people of God.
In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Song #524 “What Is This Place”

What Is This Place

1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

win - dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive

when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near,
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nevelingardich Gedreuckelavck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love;
and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."
⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth."
¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Verse #174 "Hallelujah!" *Sing twice*

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you,

no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

A Story

Song after the Story #737 "He Comes to Us As One Unknown"

v. 3 – piano only

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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Affirmation of Faith

Joining with our mothers and fathers in the faith,
we affirm the presence of God with us:

**God with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Not a ray of joy without God,
Not one ray without God.**

**Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching,
 Every day and night,
 Each day and night.**

**God with me protecting,
The Lord with me directing,
The Spirit with me strengthening,
For ever and for evermore,
 Ever and evermore, Amen.
 Chief of chiefs, Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made saying, “God of grace” and responding “**Hear our prayer.**” *A brief silence is kept.*

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. Strengthen, encourage and uphold our new Bishop, Kathy; the members of our synod and parish councils. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, depressed, discouraged, brokenhearted, dying or grieving. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit (*especially Marianne and Nicholas, Bud and Al, Merv and Marlene, Linda and Terry, Tory and Steinar, Ed and Erika, Linda and Pam, Dorothy and Margaret, Ingrid and Larry, and those we name before you now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts. . .*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of the newest grandchildren born to the grandparents among us: Colin Julian Magnuson-Ford; Naomi Susan Giguere Myers; Brooklyn Grace Van Duersen. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face (*especially Gwen*). Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Offering/Sharing of the Peace

A musical reflection will be played while the table is set

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,

and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,

in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

MEAL

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to heaven. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal One, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.

From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever.

Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might.

Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star.

Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.

He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation, he 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.

With joy we tell our story: Alleluia! Alleluia!

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.

Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son.

Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.
Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning,
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.
And so we pray and praise: **Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Lord's Prayer (*New Zealand Prayer Book*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction

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

Invitation to the Meal

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Hymn before and during the Holy Supper #472 "Eat This Bread"

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."

Distribution (as directed by the Presider)

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
**Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favour to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

May God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,

✝ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song #543 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father (Mother), Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

Postlude
Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Be the good news you share. **Thanks be to God.**