

**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 27-28, 2024**  
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**Invocation** (*stand*)

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**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit** *Blessed are the Forgiven*

Ps. 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: Ps. 32:10

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

**Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\***  
**whose sin is | covered.**

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\***

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\*  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\***  
**you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

**Kyrie**

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**Collect of the Day**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

**Old Testament** *A New Prophet Like Moses*

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

<sup>15</sup>"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.<sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.<sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.<sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\***  
**bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

**Epistle** *Food Offered to Idols*

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Mark 1:22a

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

They were astonished at his | teaching,\*  
for he taught them as one who had au- | thority.

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit*

Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“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 out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sit*)

**Hymn of the Day** “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842, *soloist st.* 3

**Sermon** “His Word Has Authority Today”

Mark 1:21-28

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**Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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