

Worship Leader Guide for Sunday, February 2, 2025

4 Epiphany

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 4

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION ✚

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Responsively

Based on Psalm 71

Our hope is in God all our lives. **God is our rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.** God has nurtured us since birth, and empowers us in life with meaning, purpose, and mission; **yet we come up with excuses to avoid the call of God—often because we are afraid.** God is with us every step of the way; **even if we are “brought to the edge of a cliff.”** We come now to worship. **We come to praise you, O Lord, our God. Alleluia! Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light

(ELW 866)

Two Verses: *We are marching... and We are singing*



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
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si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

GREETING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult—to others and to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear. We come now before God and each other to confess our sins.

~Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession~

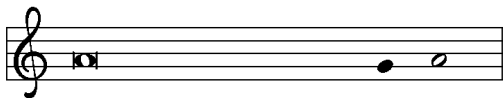
God of life, **we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience, been rude, and held unforgiveness in our hearts. We have been self-centered and insisted on our own way. Forgive us and heal us, dear Lord. Empty us of fear and shame. Fill us with love that is humble, patient, and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

God's love for us is unending. God will never give up on us. Do not fear, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new. Your sins are forgiven, in the Name \dagger of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Walk in the light of Christ as new creations—forgiven, loved, and free. **Amen.**

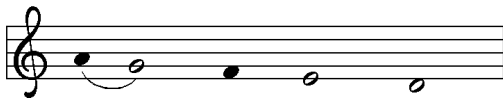
All praise and glory be to you, O Lord! Amen!

KYRIE

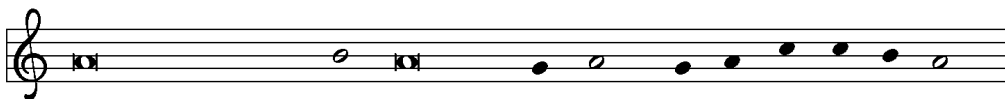
(ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



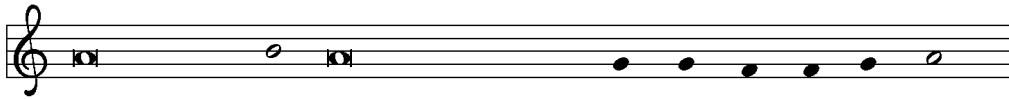
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Let's pray our Prayer of the Day together. Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Give us hearts that reflect the love of Christ to others. Fill us with purpose and hope to follow you in mission and love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ADULT CHOIR

By: Kendrick/Arr. Schrader

TEACH US, O LORD, THROUGH YOUR HOLY WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now 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."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But 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. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you

to deliver you, says the LORD.”⁹ Then 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.¹⁰ See, 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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Sung Responsively

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, have I¹ taken refuge;
let me never be¹ put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and¹ set me free;
incline your ear to¹ me and save me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to¹ keep me safe;
you are my crag¹ and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand¹ of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and¹ the oppressor.**

⁵ For you are my hope,¹ O Lord GOD,
my confidence since¹ I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have¹
been my strength; my praise shall be al-¹ ways of you.**

SECOND READING

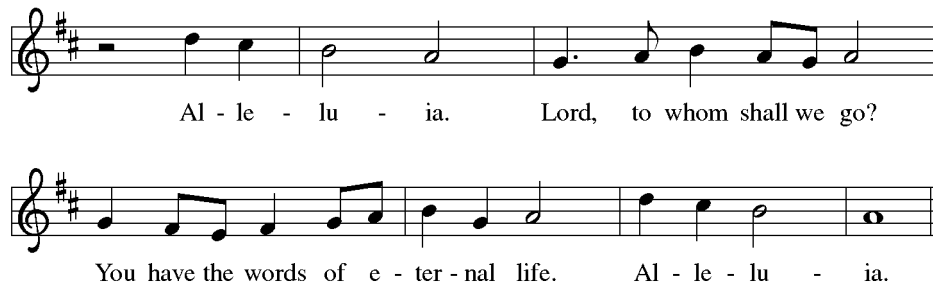
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And 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.³ If 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.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love 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.⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.¹¹ When 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.¹² For 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.¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He 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.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But 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; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They 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. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR TIM O’SIELDS

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all those who are suffering or in need.

~A brief silence~

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Fill us and lead us with your Spirit as we open our eyes and hearts to the new thing you are doing. We ask blessings on our Community Life Committee as they work together in mission and outreach. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we are not faithful stewards of your beautiful earth. Bless our ranchers and farmers as the daylight grows longer—leading us to a new season of growth. Bring hope to those in California suffering from the wildfires. Protect the brave women and men of Cal Fire who continue to work tirelessly to fight the fires and protect and help others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of leaders of nations, states, communities, corporations, and all in authority, that they lead with respect for human life and the diverse people they represent. Pave their ways with your truth and justice. This morning, we lift our active and deployed military and first responders—law enforcement, the fire and rescue teams, and paramedics; Joe, Connor, Chris, Dustin, Chris, Kyle, Noah, Josh, Zack and Seth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. We offer prayers for all on our prayer list this morning; OLV Church and School, Kristen, Dolly, Joe, Aaron, Larisa, Jane, Marie, Pat, Joe, Heather, Kate, Tim, Robin, Gwen, Robert, Lorie, Dawson, Sheila, Audrey, and Suzie. We also offer prayers for any others that we name in our hearts or aloud. *Brief Pause.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children and youth in our congregation and community. May their voices be celebrated. Give them a place of honor and value among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. In their time of loss, we lift the families of Roger Neuleib, Janice Grixby, Joyce Perez, and Mary Jo Kilde. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. Your will be done. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

HYMN OF THE DAY AT THE OFFERING

ELW 583

Take My Life, That I May Be

Verses 1, 2, & 4

Offering will be collected during the Hymn of the Day

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*

y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

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 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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OFFERING RESPONSE***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*****(ELW 884)**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

O God of abundance, **ble**ss these gifts that we lift to you today as expressions of our love for you and for our neighbors. Lead us and guide us in your holy mission in this world as these gifts are put to work. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**LORD'S PRAYER****(ELW p. 154)**

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

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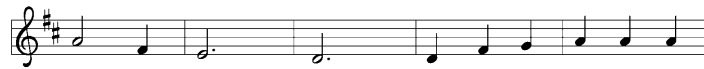
COMMUNION HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(ELW 815)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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COMMUNION HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

(ELW 818)



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION ✚

Verses 1 & 3

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
 Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

SENDING

Alleluia! Go in peace and power to serve the risen Lord. **Spirit, fill us—Spirit, move us!**
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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