



**+ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
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**Order for Worship**

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected.  
God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be.  
God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it.  
God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word,  
to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses.  
Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

*Today St. Andrew celebrates Reconciling in Christ Sunday, highlighting our call to the welcome, inclusion, and affirmation of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ in the life of the church and society. Resources for the service come from ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation ([www.ReconcilingWorks.org](http://www.ReconcilingWorks.org)) and this year's theme is "Made in God's Image: God's Boundless Diversity!" It is a celebratory worship for Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Partners and a preview of the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. ReconcilingWorks worked with LGBTQIA+ and ally youth to cultivate a worship experience that would highlight their voices and their understanding of what it means to support LGBTQIA+ siblings. **Thank You** to the young people who helped create the resources for this service!*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

## **Gathering**

*Please rise as you are able.*

### **Prayer for Reconciliation**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Your people, Lord, long to feel seen, named, and cared for. The church has excluded and pushed away people, calling them “other” and “different,” and has waited for those harmed to lead the work of reconciliation. Today we worship, with open hearts and minds, preparing ourselves for the holy work and ministry of justice and equity. As your people, we know you are with us and that your Holy Spirit makes reconciliation possible.

As we learn how to make the church a safer space for all God’s children,

**C: We trust in the Spirit's guidance.**

P: As we seek to be advocates for our LGBTQIA+ siblings and all who are told they are "other,"

**C: We trust in the Spirit's guidance.**

P: As we seek to learn more about the intersectionality of ministry,

**C: We trust in the Spirit's guidance.**

P: With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, relying grace of Jesus, we confess our sins and ask forgiveness for the ways we have fallen short of our call to love and serve all God’s people. We proclaim with joy and love that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions matter; that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) matter; that neuro-diversity and differing abilities of bodies are sacred; and that we as a church stand firmly against racism, homophobia, transphobia, and any other sin that makes people feel “less than” because of who God lovingly made them to be. We commit our words and action to be ones of advocacy for all of the people in your Kin-Dom. Holy Creator, we celebrate your boundless diversity, and see the ways we are made in Your image.

**C: Amen.**

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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**Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Mighty God, soften our hearts this day as we seek to hear your words and commands. In a world where we are daily confronted with ways we are different, told to make ourselves smaller for the convenience of others, teach us as your people how to celebrate your boundless diversity reflected in every person who is made in your image. To have safe spaces is to experience your saving grace. Guide us to be people of faith who are committed to learning and re-learning what it means to welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for all you call Beloved.  
**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

### First Reading – Jeremiah 1: 4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
<sup>5</sup>“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.”  
<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”  
<sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”  
<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out [the Lord’s] hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
<sup>10</sup>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.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**C: Alleluia. You shall go to all to whom I send you.  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel – Luke 4: 21-30**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>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?” <sup>23</sup>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.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Let My Spirit Always Sing  
v. 1-2**

**ACS 1020**

- 1 Let my spirit always sing,  
though my heart be wintering,  
though the season of despair  
give no sign that you are there,  
God to whom my days belong,  
let there always be a song.
  
- 2 Though my body be confined,  
let your word engage my mind,  
let the inner eye discern  
how much more there is to learn,  
see a world becoming whole

through the window of the soul.

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## **Apostles Creed**

P: In trust and hope, we profess the faith of the church:

**C: 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## **Prayers of the People**

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

*After each petition*

P: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: With great hope and faith in your promises, O God,  
we lift these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.*

# Thanksgiving

## **Canticle of Thanksgiving** (Spoken)

P: Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.  
Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
O God of the universe;  
just and true are your ways,  
O Ruler of all the nations.  
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,  
and sing the glory of your name?  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
and blessed is the one  
whose name is the Word of God.  
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.  
For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,  
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.  
For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:  
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.  
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

*Please note the variations in wording of this form of the prayer, emphasizing God's work as creator of us all and God's reign as one of loving, familial relationship between God and all people, and all people with one another.*

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our creator in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Sending

### Benediction

P: 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 always.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

### To Be Your Presence v. 1-3

*ELW 546*

1 To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!

2 To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!

3 To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!

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## **Dismissal**

**P:** Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace;  
take up the pledge to be an advocate for our LGBTQIA+ siblings  
and all those in need of inclusion and advocacy,  
and go forth with a fervent passion for welcome.

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator.  
Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made in God's image!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Abbreviations*

**P:** Pastor/Presiding Minister

**C:** Congregation

***ELW:*** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal

***ACS:*** *All Creation Sings* hymnal

*Those serving in worship today*

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