

Sunday 2nd February, 2025 11.00 am

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 348 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a 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 every land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

Edwards, Howard, Mitch 1955, Hope Publishing Company

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn Let there be love shared among us

1. Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now Your love sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love
2. Let there be hope shared among us
Let there be hope in our eyes
May now Your hope sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be hope shared among us,
Let there be hope.
3. Let there be joy shared among us
Let there be joy in our eyes
May now Your joy sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be joy shared among us,
Let there be joy.

Billbrough Dave, 1977, Thank you Music

Isaiah 55:10-13

St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Anthem

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 18/19 The earth belongs to God alone (Psalm 24)

- 1 The earth belongs to God alone
and all that it contains;
the world and its inhabitants
God's steadfast love maintains.
- 2 The Lord who brought the world to birth
laid earth's foundations sure,
and firm within the surging seas
established them secure.
- 3 Who, then, are those who shall ascend
the holy hill of God?
And who is fit to stand within
the presence of the Lord?
- 4 All those whose hands and hearts are clean,
with no room in their mind
for worthless vanities or vows
of a deceitful kind.
- 5 These are the people who receive
a blessing from the Lord,
and vindication for their ways
from God, their saving God.

6 O God of Jacob, help us all
who gather in this place,
to seek your presence with us now:
we yearn to see your face.

7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for ay
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!

8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for ay,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!

10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

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Responses for Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and with the whole company of heaven,
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.*

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.*

Breaking of Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us your peace.

Hymn 404 I danced in the morning

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
They came with me and the Dance went on.

Chorus

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Chorus

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance, and I still go on.

Chorus

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Chorus

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)