

**MORNING PRAYER II EPIPHANY IV (JAN 31, 2021)**

**PRELUDE** *There is a balm in Gilead*

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**WELCOME**

**HYMN** *There is a balm in Gilead*

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**Refrain**

**There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin sick soul.**

**1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit, revives my soul again.**

**Refrain**

**2. If you cannot preach like Peter, and cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."**

**Refrain**

**THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Jubilate Psalm 100**

**The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come  
before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to  
him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from  
age to age.**

**The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

**The Psalm for the Day 111**

**1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \* in the assembly of  
the upright, in the congregation.**

**2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \* they are studied by all who delight in them.**

**3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \* and his righteousness endures for ever.**

**4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \* the LORD is gracious and full  
of compassion.**

**5 He gives food to those who fear him; \* he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works \* in giving them the lands of the nations.**

**7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \* all his commandments are sure.**

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \* because they are done in truth and equity.**

**9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \* holy and awesome is his Name.**

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy**

**Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”**

**Here ends the reading**

### ***The Third Song of Isaiah***

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \* and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land; \* deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, \* and his glory will appear upon you. Nations Will stream to your light, \* and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; \* by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you, The City of the Lord, \* The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, \* ruin or destruction within borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, \* and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; \* by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, \* and your God will be your glory. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **A Reading from First Corinthians**

**Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.**

**Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—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.**

**It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.**

**Here ends the reading**

## ***A Song of Praise***

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \* you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \* on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \* in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## **HYMN *Open my eyes (Abre mis ojos)***

- 1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.**
- 2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.**
- 3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.**

## **A Reading from the Gospel of Mark**

**Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “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.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. Here ends the reading.**

## **SERMON**

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Suffrages B**

**V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;**

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

**V. Day by day we bless you;**

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

**V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;**

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

**V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;**

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

**V. In you, Lord, is our hope;**

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:**

**Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

### **A Collect for Sundays**

**O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

### **For our Country**

**Almighty God, you have given us this good land to care for: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will.**

**Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.**

**Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here from many lands and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

### **For quiet confidence**

**O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ, saying Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom, especially for \_\_\_\_\_. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You may add your own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either silently or aloud.

*Officiant says,*

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. Amen.

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**HYMN** *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! The Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

**EPIPHANY BLESSING**

**May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.***

**May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.***

**May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.***

**And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.***

**Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE *There is a balm in Gilead***

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