

Hollywood Lutheran Church

4 Epiphany

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 4

Sunday, February 2, 2020



Introduction to the day

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Welcome to Worship

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to offer God's Word of Love, Grace, Mercy and Justice to our homes, congregation, city and all creation.

Welcome

We are delighted you have come to worship. Relax, sing, and center yourself on the presence of God here today. Let the congregation and this bulletin guide you, and follow along as you are able. Join us after the service for refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Visitors

Please complete the attendance card located in the pew, you may also include prayer concerns and other information you would like the church to know. If you are interested in grabbing a coffee with pastor, learning more about our community or becoming a member, please make a note on the card.

Music

If you don't know a song, sing along as you are able and don't worry about getting it right. Just lift your voice in praise.

Children are welcome here

Children enrich our worship experience. The sounds of crying, laughing, and talking are welcome in our church; these sounds are a true gift and remind us of God's presence. Children may find crayons and coloring sheets helpful during worship.

Holy Communion

The congregation will be celebrating Holy Communion this morning. All are welcome no matter your background. Both wine and grape juice, and gluten-free bread are offered at the table. We ask all to receive by intinction, "dipping the bread in the cup".

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE MUSIC

TIMOTHY LEÓN, MINISTER OF MUSIC

GATHERING SONG – WE ARE CALLED (ELW 720)

Assembly stands as able.



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



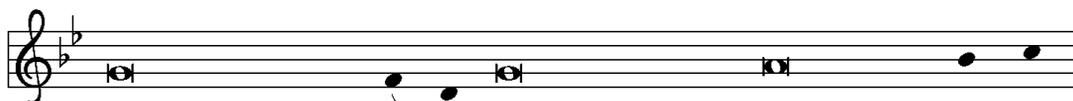
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *The assembly stands as able.*

Assembly:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor only: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5TH chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JOSEPH CASTANEDA CARRERA

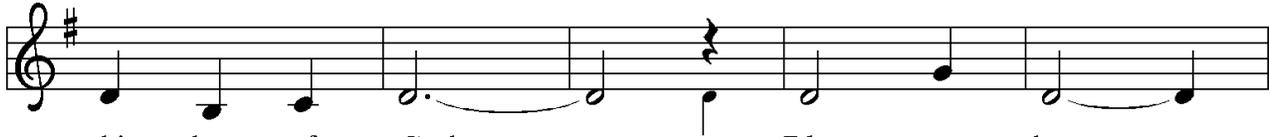
HYMN OF THE DAY – BLEST ARE THEY (ELW 728)

Assembly stands as able.

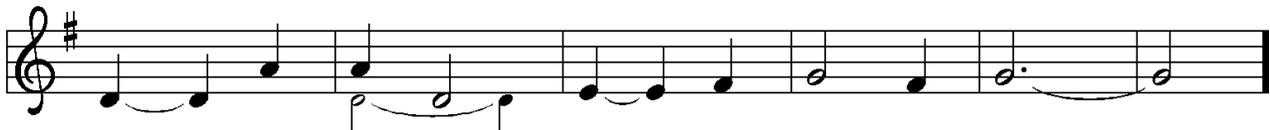
Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



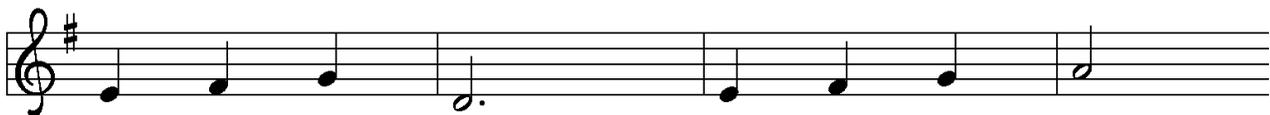
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

APOSTLES CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sing 2x

Come---, come Lord Jesus

Come to set us free

Come---Come Lord Jesus

Born to set your people free,

To set us free.

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your church, that we seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your lovingkindness, and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the cross. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

God of the universe, your care is evident everywhere—from the foundations of the earth to the summit of the tallest mountains. Reconcile all of creation to itself and repair the environmental destruction caused by human carelessness and greed. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

God of the nations, you desire peace and justice among all people. Deliver us from systems of fear that seek to divide us. Guide our local and national leaders. May their decisions empower and serve the needs of the poor and the disenfranchised. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to earth in the form of a baby, whose presentation in the temple we celebrate today. Fill our own house of worship with your presence that all who enter may encounter Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

God of life, we give you thanks for all those who have died in the faith. Thank you for the examples of our ancestors and the saints who have gone before us especially those in the back of our bulletin. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

For what else shall we pray? *Here prayers from the assembly are heard.*

God of the oppressed, you raise up the lowly and comfort those in despair. We lift up to you all who are victims of exploitation, discrimination, and greed. We pray for those who are suffering in any way this day. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

Sing 2x

Come---, come Lord Jesus

Come to set us free

Come---Come Lord Jesus

Born to set your people free,

To set us free.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING MUSIC

Offering is collected during anthem.

OFFERING HYMN – ACCEPT O LORD THE GIFTS WE BRING

The assembly stands as able.



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

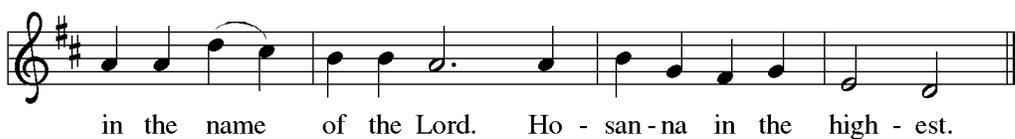
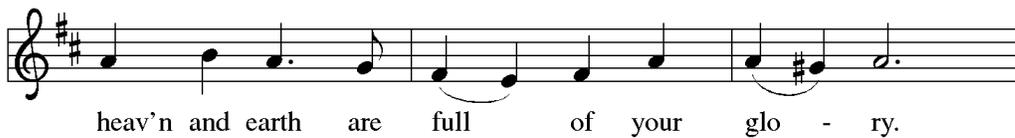
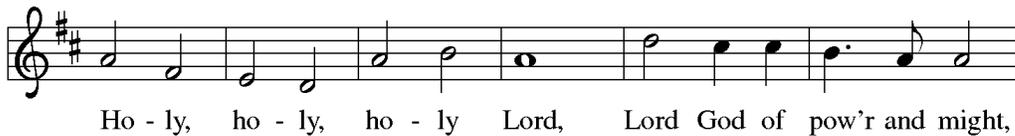
In the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son,

And in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

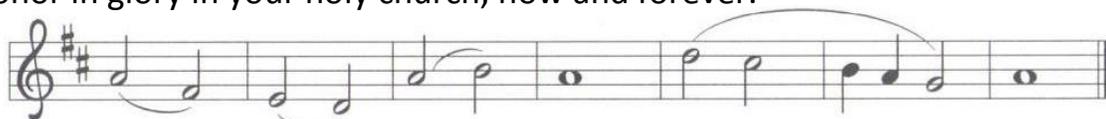
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with
heavenly blessings and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be all honor in glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this abundant meal of God's Grace, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in faith that Christ is present in this meal. We receive by intinction, "dipping the bread in the cup". First chalice has wine. The second grape juice. Ask for a gluten-free option. Remain in prayer as long as you wish.

COMMUNION SONG

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

HOLLYWOOD LUTHERAN Church

Celebrating our 96th year, we are a congregation of the Southwest California Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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In Today's Liturgy

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Flowers are given to the glory of God
Ray Huff

Memorial Candles:

In loving memory of our dearest departed,

Manuel Hernandez, dear friend of Ted Goulet

Juanita Riedell, beloved Lita

Joyce Avriette, dear member of HLC

William Henry Witcraft, brother of Barbara Oehlert

UPCOMING CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sun, February 2 nd , 11:30am	Congregational meeting
Tues, February 11 th , 2:30pm	Worship and Music
Thurs, February 13 th , 10:30am	Church Council Meeting
Sat, February 22 nd , 11pm-5pm	Mariposa Ministry

The HLC Food Pantry serves over 50 families a week. Please see Tom Scott for the next opportunity to lend your support.

Mariposa Ministry is always accepting letter writing volunteers, any help would make a difference.

Every 3rd Saturday of the month is when they all get together to write letters.

Please see David Conrad for details.

Take this sheet from the bulletin home with you and please offer your prayers today and throughout the week for the following individuals.

For healing: Marie Sorenson, Joan DeBrincat, Zachery Bell, Billy Arbuckle, Bryan Bowman, Javier Cruz, Jackie Edmonds, Jeanne Fouke, Jim Feederle, Sandra Ferrer, Carol Johnson, Steve Joiner, Brett Lane, June McGough, Barb Musgjerd, Lee Nelson, Kat Nelson, Ken Neundorf, Ursula Rheinfurth, Georgina Rockwell, Lisa Sakugawa, Karen Sherlock, Bob Shumate, Cynthia Nitrini Stary, Carol Strand, Dicksie Thompson, Don Volger, Gail Watson, Janet Weber, Jason Zarookian.

For trust and mercy: Ana Etelia, Edna Fields, Stephen Gomez, Hazel Sobers-Robinson.

For wholeness and wellbeing: Martha Murphy, Jully Bender, Mo Costa, Mary Hohmann, Cecelia Ortega, Edward Tursa.

For strength and healing in fighting cancers: Tim Pugh, Mona Enos, Jason Zarookian, Sonia Martinez, Nancy Johnson, Darla Browning, George Castañeda Jr., Sam Gros, Debra Lande, Bill Reid, Joan Riedell, Sue Zeider.

For hopefulness and strength: Angela Gabriel, Adnan Aswad, Priscilla Hardcastle, Billie Hayes, Brenda Hutnik and family, Carol Lande, Raynard Lang, Steve Martinez, Michael Osborne, Juan Antonio Rivera, Patricia Robb, Harlowe Skinner, Donna Volger, Dorothy Wagner & family.

For all people in the military who are deployed or serving our country.

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