



Morning Prayer: Rite II

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Welcome to this morning's worship!

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Absolution

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

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.

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People *Come let us adore him.*

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 (in unison)

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; **

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*For the Lord is a great God, **

and a great King above all gods.

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **

and the heights of the hills are his also.

*The sea is his, for he made it, **

and his hands have molded the dry land.

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

*and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

 who may abide upon your holy hill?

*Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, **

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;

 he does no evil to his friend; *

 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

*In his sight the wicked is rejected, **

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *

 and does not take back his word.

*He does not give his money in hope of gain, **

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *

 shall never be overthrown.

(*in unison*)

*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 Hebrew Bible

Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Canticle 11 (in unison)

The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

*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 your 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 the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Reflection

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

*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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Suffrages (Intercessory Prayers)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

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.*

For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The General Thanksgiving (in unison)

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

A Wintry Dismissal

Officiant Stay safe and warm!

People **And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



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