

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Epiphany 4**



“John the Baptist Preaching” circa 1562
by artist Paolo Veronesi (1528-1588)
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Welcome:

CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
 All desires known,
 And from you no secrets are hidden.
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 That we may perfectly love you,
 And worthily magnify your holy name.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion: Holy God,
 Holy and mighty,
 Holy and immortal one,
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 14 *Refrain: Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us*

¹ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

² The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

³ They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

⁵ There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

⁶ You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

⁷ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:6-18

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

- ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.
- ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.
- ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,
- ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
- ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
- ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")
- ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
- ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CP 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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| <p>1 Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heaven descending:
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.</p> | <p>3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell your
kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
Heal the world by our sin broken.</p> |
| <p>2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
Crucified for our salvation;
Saving word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, your love outpouring.</p> | <p>4 Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling;
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling;
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.</p> |

Meditation: – The Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 3912788 Word Of God Speak

1 I'm finding myself at a loss for words
 And the funny thing is it's okay
 The last thing I need is to be heard
 But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your
majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

2 I'm finding myself in the midst of You
 Beyond the music beyond the noise
 All that I need is to be with You
 And in the quiet hear Your voice

Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
 And the funny thing is it's okay

Affirmation of Faith (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.**

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: Sandra...
 Merle..... Mary..... Irene Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill.....
 Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke.....
 Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Roald;

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

Hear and have mercy

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

Hear and have mercy

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage to all who await surgery. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Strengthen those who endure continual pain and give them hope. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Up hold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Hear and have mercy

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen

Collect: Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
 O thou the Godhead's human son:
 thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
 thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 robed in the blooming garb of spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 who makes the troubled heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
 and fair the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
 wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
 none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer
 than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.
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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.