



## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021



### INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewayan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

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### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Processional Hymn #620 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

1.  
How sweet the name of Jesus  
sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our  
wounds,  
and drives away our fear.
2.  
It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.
3.  
Dear Name! the Rock on which we build;  
Our shield and hiding-place;  
Our never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace,
4.  
Jesus, shepherd, brother, friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.
- 5  
How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

### THE GREETING

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* 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.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**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. Amen**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: DEUTERONOMY 18:15–20

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.

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 111 (Congregation please remain seated)

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

*People* Great are the deeds of the Lord!  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

*Leader* His work is full of majesty and splendour,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

*People* He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

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

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

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

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

**Leader** He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name.

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

Generous and bountiful God, give us grace always to thank you and share your gifts with others, that the world may be filled with the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1–13

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.

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – MARK 1:21–28**

**“Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ”**

They 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, throwing him into convulsions 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.

**“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”**

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Canon Gloria Master**

#### **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All 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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LEADER** Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying,  
**“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

**LEADER** Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

**PEOPLE** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER We pray for Andrew our bishop, and for all our suffragan Bishops: Riscylla, Kevin and Jenny and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER We pray for those preparing for baptism and for those recently baptized: that they may be strengthened in the faith.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

PEOPLE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Lay Reader* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Lay Reader* Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in

eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*All stand, Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*(The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

### Offertory Hymn #500 SISTER LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

1

Sister, let me be your servant.  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

4.

I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey thro'.

2.

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
fellow travellers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

5.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of great love and agony.

3.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear

6.

Brother, let me be your servant.  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER # 2

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS

*All 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.*  
(please sit or kneel)

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All 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.**

### BREAKING OF BREAD # 6 Incarnation

*Celebrant* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
*All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.*

### LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. **X2**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Presider** Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

**People:** **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**Music during Communion –**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

### DOXOLOGY

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

### Recessional Hymn # 384 PRAISE TO THE LORD

<b>1.</b> Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation. O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near, praise him in glad adoration.	<b>2.</b> Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth: hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been granted in what he ordaineth?
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**3**

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

**4.**

Praise to the Lord, who, when  
tempests their warfare are waging,  
who, when the elements madly around  
thee are raging,  
biddeth them cease,  
turneth their fury to peace,  
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

**5.**

Praise to the Lord, who when  
darkness of sin is abounding,  
who when the godless do triumph,  
all virtue confounding,  
sheddeth his light,  
chaseth the horrors of night,  
saints with his mercy surrounding.

**6**

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.