

# Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 31, 2021

**Theme:** Jesus ruffled feathers by eating and healing on the Sabbath. But he knew the laws had outgrown their purpose. It was time for God's laws to serve people, and not the other way around.

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The righteous are like trees  
**Growing in the house of God,**  
Giving fruit throughout their lives,  
**Green and full of sap.**  
Let us praise the Lord our God—  
**The one who gives us life and light!**

### GATHERING SONG

*Shout to the Lord*

#821

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

### 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

Let us pray: **Mighty God, You gave the law to free your people, not sink us further into bondage. May we seek your Spirit of truth in all that we do, that our lives may glorify you always, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen**

### FIRST READING:

Psalm 92

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL:

Luke 6:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

### SERMON

### SERMON HYMN

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

#729

**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. God of truth, **Hear our prayer**

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to  
you through your son Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*We Are an Offering*

#692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**