

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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Sunday Morning Prayer

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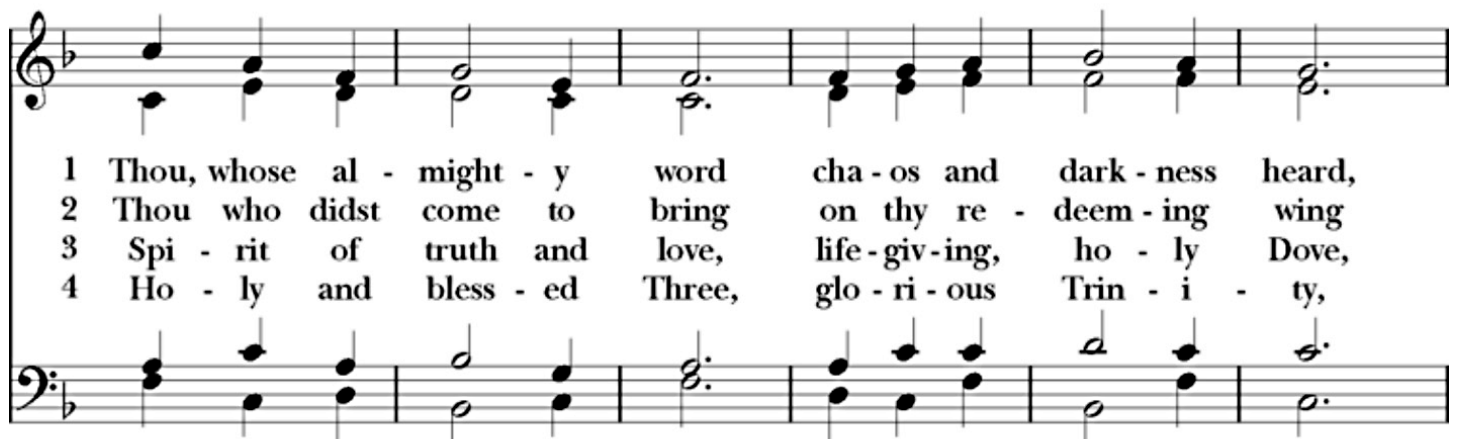
Prelude: *Benedictus*

Alec Rowley

Opening Hymn

*Thou, whose almighty word
Moscow*

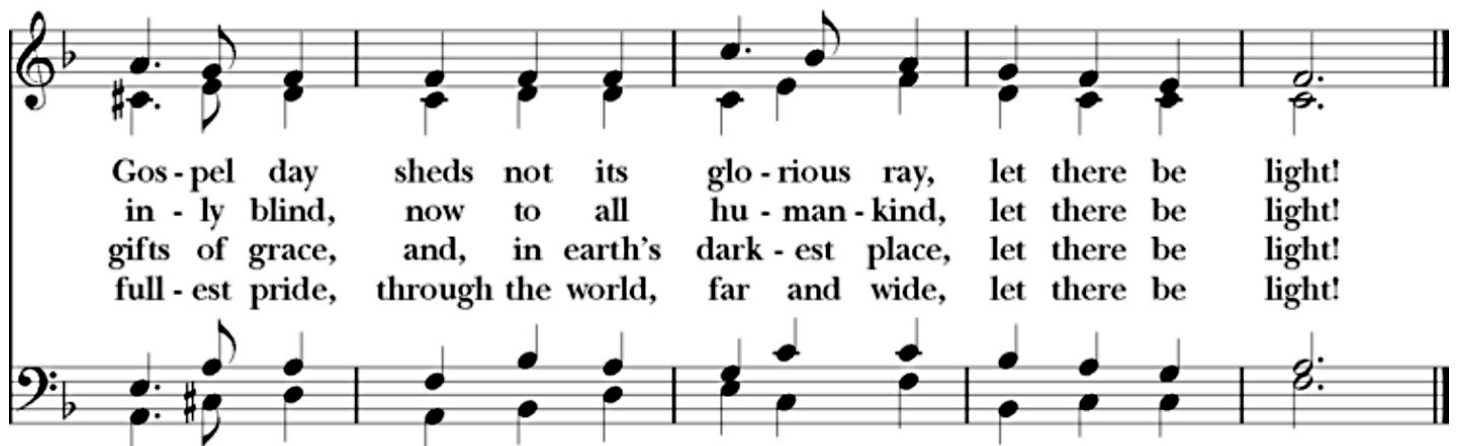
Hymnal 371



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

The Opening Sentence

Leader 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

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Leader Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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.**

The Invitatory: Venite

Jack Noble White



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come,



let us a - dore him. 1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for



joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks -



giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, -



and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, -



and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow



down, and bend the knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For



he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his pas - ture and the



sheep of his hand. Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! -



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come, let us a - dore him.

Then follows



- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my / whole / heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, / in the / congregation.
- 2 Great are the / deeds of the / Lord! *
they are / studied by / all who de/light in them.
- 3 His work is full of / majesty and / splendor, *
and his / righteousness en/dures for / ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to / be re/membered; *
the Lord is / gracious and / full of com/passion.
- 5 He gives food to / those who / fear him; *
he is ever / mindful / of his / covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the / power of his / works *
in / giving them the / lands of the / nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are / faithfulness and / justice; *
— / all his com/mandments are / sure.
- 8 They stand fast for / ever and / ever, *
because they are / done in / truth and / equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his / covenant for / ever; *
holy and / awesome / is his / Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the be/ginning of / wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his / praise en/dures for / ever.

Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son, *
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now, *
and / will be for/ever. A/men.

The Readings

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy

Moses said: 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.”

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

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Ronald Arnatt

1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a-fraid. 2. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and he will
be my Sa - vior. 3. There-fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the
springs of sal-va - tion. 4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and
call up-on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo-ples; see that they re-
mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt - ed. 6. Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for he has done great
things, and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry a - loud, in-hab - i-tants of
Zi-on, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of
Is-ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

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. 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.

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

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
 3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus and his disciples 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, convulsing him 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen,

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Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader 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.*

A Prayer for Sundays

Leader O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Grace

Leader Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Offertory / Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.

As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Join us on Facebook Live.

CH@Ts will meet today for conversation and sharing. We will be following the Episcopal Church's curriculum "Becoming the Beloved Community" Join us at 12:30 pm for discussion. Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941 Zoom Link: [Here](#)

We want your input! Please fill out the form online to share your hopes and dreams for the music program [here](#)

We will be sending a Lent in a bag home to folks, which will include a devotional like we sent at Advent. If you would prefer an electronic version of the devotional, please either send an email to rgardner@htrit.org or fill out the form [here](#):

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.

Offertory Sentence

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them. *Ps. 111: 1-2*

Offertory Anthem: *Tu solus qui facis mirabilia* **Josquin des Prez**

Thou alone, who doest wonders; thou sole creator, who created us; thou sole redeemer, who redeemed us with thy most precious blood. In thee alone we seek refuge; in thee alone we place our trust, and we adore no other, Jesus Christ; to thee we offer our prayers. Hear our supplications and grant that which we ask, O benign King! To love another would be delusion; to love another would be profound ignorance and sin. Hear our sighs; Fill us with thy grace, O King of Kings, that in thy service we may remain with joy forever.

Prayer for Mission

Leader Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for The Cathedral Chapter. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Esteban, (Saint Stephen's Church), Mariscos, The Rev. Marven Juárez

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples. We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Maggie, Nathan, Dorothy, Robert, Barbara, Lynn, Gordon, Maggie, Mike, Joel, Jason, Grandma Susu, Nana Carol, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Rayelenn, Elizabeth, Emily, Alyssa, Amy, Sam, the St. Clear Family, Leda, Bill, Valeria, Otis, Matt, Beth, Devon and those you wish to name.

Light to the youngest among us, we offer you the prayers our children and youth have asked for especially for nurses and doctors who are giving the COVID vaccine and that the country would create a good and fair system for distributing it; for a smooth transition last week and a week of celebrations; for our teachers and all they are doing to teach us; that we would stay safe and healthy from the new variant.

Light of joy and life, we pray in thanksgiving for all the good things that have happened this week.

Eternal light, we pray for those who have died, and those you wish to name.

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Sentence

Leader Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest* **Hymnal 569**
Russia

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
 3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;
 thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,
 yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:
 bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
 through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
 thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Postlude: *Quoniam tu solus sanctus* **Adrian Vernon Fish**

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