



Jona Abbey

**4th Sunday after Epiphany
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Sunday Communion Service A (Iona Community)

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

P With Nature in its power and beauty, in pouring rains and bright sunlight, in mighty old trees and new blades of grass.

C We gather in praise of God.

P With believers and seekers, with people from every land, and speakers of every language.

C We gather in praise of God.

P With the angels and saints in heaven, with all who have worshipped in this place.

C We gather in praise of God.

P With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers us with blessings.

C We gather in praise of God.

P Here let heaven and earth be united.

C Here may God's people find a home.

GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our attention and our true selves full of love that we do not show.

C God, by your grace, forgive us.

P For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money, and the excuses we should never have made.

C God, by your grace, forgive us.

P For all we should be and all we can amend.

C God, in your love, renew us.

P For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us.

C God, in your love, prepare us.

P For the life of the world and the love of its people.

C God, in your love, commit us.

**A Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Amen.**

P Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me. Glory to the Creator who gives us life, to Jesus whose love remakes our souls, to the Spirit that walks with us in this journey. Glory be to God forever more.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

L Listen for God's Word

C Our hearts and minds are open.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This 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.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But 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.”

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Spoken responsively

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures
forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

L Listen for God's Word

C Our hearts and minds are open.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, 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." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸"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. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They 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.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Shone in Darkness



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;

bath - ing in beau - ty na-ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
 Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
 Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,

cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
 hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
 glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, who set the sun and moon in the sky, who gave us water and earth to thrive, and created humans with vast diversity yet all children of you.

We believe in God beside us, in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, healer of the sick, servant of the poor, tortured, nailed and died on a cross. A man of compassion; he died for our sins. He descended into the earth and into the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. His kingdom will come on earth in the last days.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit, the fire of that Pentecost day, the life-giving breath of the church to preach to all the lands. The Spirit that brings unity to all followers around the world. The Spirit that brings healing, forgiveness, and resurrection to all. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries and for the congregations of Faith Lutheran in Junction City, Marion Hill Lutheran in White City, Kansas, and United Evangelical Lutheran in Cole Camp, Missouri, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need, especially Eleanor Jewell, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don Longren, Martha Nemeth, and Chuck Sodergren, for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the concerns and joys of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, Collin Horton as he celebrates his birthday, and Mary Heald and Jeff Longren as they remember their baptisms; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P In your forgiveness from Christ, may you go in peace to spread love to all those you see this day. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P All that we have and all that we are is a gift of God's grace to us. Let us return with thankfulness and use what we possess for God's glory this day.

C Amen.

MEAL

P The Lord be with you

C and also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them up to God.

P Let us give thanks to God our Maker,

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to our God. We praise your name and join in their unending praise:

C Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

P Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to the example that Jesus gave us. He promised to be with those who meet in his name.

C This we believe.

P He said that in the communion of bread and wine, that he would be present with us as we remember him.

C This we celebrate.

P So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service in the world.

C Amen.

P As Jesus did, so we do this day. We break this bread. (*The bread is broken*) We share this cup. (*The cup is raised*) We believe that he who lived, died, and rose again for us is present in these. We share these in remembrance and forgiveness that Christ calls us to in this meal.

Around this table, at this meal, we pray those words given to us by our Lord and Savior,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P Take this bread, share this cup. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. These are the gifts of God for the people of God, let us be glad in them this day!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C Graciously nourish us, Jesus Christ, so that we who try to follow you may receive this spiritual food for our faith journey and be bound in unity with all who walk in your way. Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER

P Give thanks for all God's goodness

C God's love shall last forever.

P Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received deep in our souls enable us to enrich the lives of others in our life wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts open, our hands embracing, our lives ever surrounded and lifted in this love that you showed us this day around your table of grace.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go. In the name of God, the Giver of Life, of Jesus, the fount of love, and of the Holy Spirit, the bearer of Peace, this blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and evermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior


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DISMISSAL


P Go in Peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!


POSTLUDE



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan 31 Online Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Sunday, Feb. 7 Online Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Doorstep's SouperBowl Sunday.....

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Jan. 3	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$545.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$2,247.00	0
Jan. 10	\$3,892.00	\$0.00	\$3,892.00	-\$2,792.00	\$1,100.00	0
Jan. 17	\$1,650.00	\$100.00	\$1,750.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,042.00	0
Jan. 24	\$1,646.23	\$130.00	\$1,776.23	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,015.77	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Dec 2020	\$9,750.00	-\$10,742.78	-\$992.78	
		Jan. - Dec	\$112,462.94	-\$121,859.29	-\$9,396.35	

Remember our shut-ins!

Peggy Buchholz Roy O'Neil Keith Springer
 Don Longren Ron Owensby Naomi Walker
 Marlene Hassan



DOORSTEP'S
"SOUPERBOWL
SUNDAY" IS
FEBRUARY 7th



**BRING
SOUP**

**AND
CRACKERS**



Our Goal this year is 2.5 ton... 5,000 pounds!

**TO YOUR CONGREGATION TO HELP
STOCK DOORSTEP'S FOOD PANTRY!**



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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