

ORDER OF SERVICE
31 January 2021
Epiphany 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	King of Heaven	CCLI# 5997804	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Lord Let Your Presence Fall More Love, More Power	P&W 694 CCLI# 1368946 SCE 359 CCLI# 60661	Fiona Binney
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Be Still	P&W 527/SCE 47/SOF40/CCLI# 120824	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28		Laraine McKay
Message	<i>The Basis of Christian Freedom</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Heart of Worship (When the Music Fades)	SCE 576/CCLI# 2296522	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Remembrance	CCLI# 5484616	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Yesterday, Today, Forever	Sheet Music	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Yesterday, Today, Forever	Sheet Music	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Harry Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 111)*

Praise the LORD.

**I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;
in the group of the upright and in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who take delight in them;
**works full of majesty;
and God's grandeur endures for ever.**

Let us worship God.

SONG [King of heaven](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today... God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today... Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, place your mercy in our souls today... You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness, pour out your spirit of power upon us today.

Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness. We confess our need to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us. May your name be glorified in us and through us. We ask it through Christ Jesus, your only begotten son, he who is our Lord and our Saviour, our brother and our friend. Amen.

SONGS [Lord let your presence fall](#)

[More Love, More Power](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: We hunger for power, and you feed us the bread of humility;
we long for freedom, and you invite us to drink the cup of self-denial.

Faithful and Just God:

P: our songs of gratitude will echo down the hallways of creation.

L: You speak and all the props are knocked out from under our pride.
Then, you astound us by reaching out your hand to lift us to our feet
so we may follow you.

Holy Gift of God:

P: our songs of praise will echo down the hallway of our hearts.

L: Without your wisdom, we would be speechless;
without your peace, we would be heartless;
without your presence, we would be graceless.

Bearer of Truth:

P: our songs of joy will echo down the hallways of eternity.

L: God in Community, Holy in One,
We give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Who Teaches, we confess that we have not learned our lessons. We have failed to follow your commandments. We have failed to listen well to our teachers. We have given weight to teachings that give us an easy way out, that focus on only our well-being, and have failed to listen to the teachings of Christ, that call us to become last of all and servant of all.

Forgive us for our failures. Forgive us for not seeking you and your authority. Forgive us for ignoring your wisdom. Call us into the paths of righteousness. Call us into the ways of justice. Call us away from the foolishness of the world, to follow Jesus, our Rabbi, in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is merciful and kind,
has come to us in Jesus Christ,
to establish a lasting covenant with us,
forgiving our sins
and releasing us from the grip of evil.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Be at peace for your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Be still for the presence of the lord](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Deuteronomy 18: 15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 8: 1-13](#)

[Mark 1: 21-28](#)

SERMON [The basis for Christian freedom](#) [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [Heart of Worship](#)

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have enriched our lives in so many ways, especially through the life, love and teaching of Jesus and through the wonders of creation which we experience in this land. Bless these gifts, which we bring as signs of our gratitude and bless us as we seek to be dynamic proclaimers of the gospel in word and deed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers that surround us on our own. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that sin has brought upon us.

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of Your Son. As He brought gladness and healing to people, grant us these same gifts and lead us to an ever more perfect faith in Him.

We bless you O Lord for your power and authority - for your authority to not only teach, but to cast out the evil that haunts human life. We pray that we and all the people might acknowledge their spiritual need and turn to you day by day. Grant that as we walk with you that we might be instruments of your grace - men and women who have your authority and are able to do your works.

Father, we pray today for those who are burdened and afflicted - grace them with the comfort and healing power of your Spirit and help us to minister to them with the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

This morning, we pray especially for...

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION [Remembrance](#)

SONG Yesterday Today Forever (sorry, no YouTube video available)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now, and heed God's message.
Never forget God's wonderful mercy and kindness.
Welcome the freedom that is won in truth,
but never use your freedom to undermine others.
See that your words and actions are worthy of praise.

And may the grace...

Affirmation of Faith for Epiphany and the Season after Epiphany

by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us,
dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counsellor of truth
reminding us
of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION: Epiphany 4 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for your justice stands in splendour and majesty,
and you nourish the faithful
with mercy and kindness.

You are the one God who created all things
and for whom we exist.
From the beginning you have revealed your mighty deeds
and upheld a covenant with your chosen ones.

You raised up among your people
a prophet greater even than Moses,
your Son and our teacher, Jesus of Nazareth.
With words and deeds of authority he has taught us,
not the knowledge that puffs up,
but the love that builds up.
You put your holy words in his mouth,
and at his word even the demons fall silent.

When he was killed, you raised him to life,
and now it is through him that we exist,
and in him, that the crippling grip of death is broken
forever.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...