



*The mission of GPPC is to embody God's love  
by cultivating community, practicing hope, repairing harm, and doing justice as Jesus did.*

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

11:00am

+ indicates you are invited to stand

**Bold print** indicates congregation in unison

### GATHERING

*The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.  
Gather your thoughts and feelings. Entrust yourself to God's saving grace.*

Prelude

Canzon in G

Matthias Weckmann

Greeting and Announcements

Introit

Doug Brown

*What is this? A new teaching—with authority! - Mark 1:27b*

Call to Worship

[Wild Goose Resource Group]

One: Way beyond all journeying, truth behind all mystery, life within all living:

**All: we praise you.**

One: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness, midwife of a better future:

**All: we praise you.**

One: Ground of all being, judge of all nations, conscience of the universe:

**All: we praise you.**

One: Maker, Redeemer, Confessor, Companion, Befriender, Inspirer, God beyond all names:

**All: we praise you.**

+ Hymn 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Prayer of Confession

*Kenyan traditional*

Leader: All:

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy. — joy.

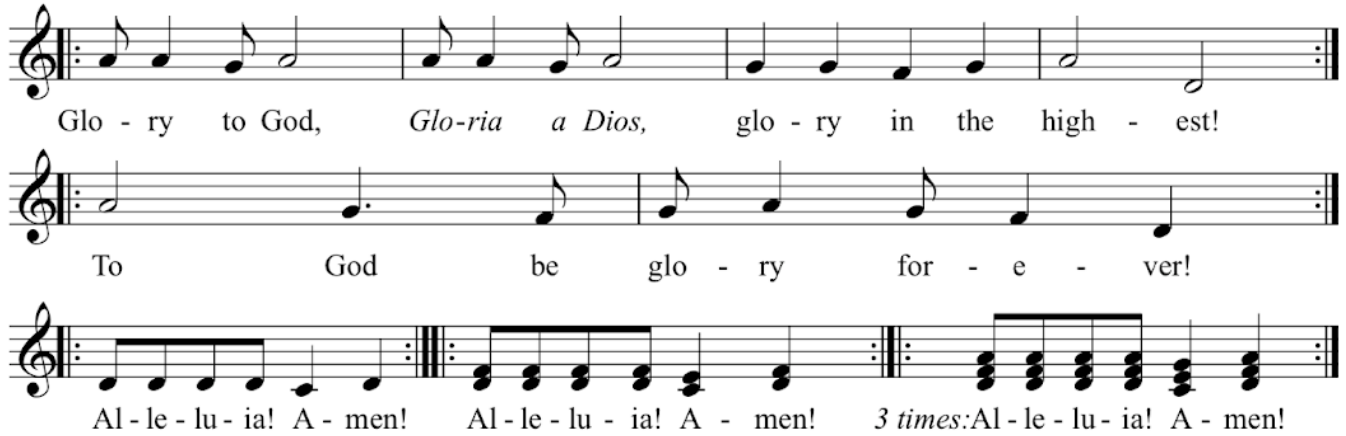
**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts, vain desires, and despair.  
Help us to draw near to you:  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

*Silent prayer*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### + Gloria

*Each phrase is sung first by the soloist, then the congregation.*



### WORD

*Where the scriptures are read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ, the living Word, is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit also evokes our response. Through singing, affirmation, and prayer, with the help of God's Spirit, we discern Jesus Christ, receive Christ's grace, and resolve to follow Christ's way.*

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture

Mark 1:21-28 [CEB]

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Psalm 111 [translation by Wilda Gafney]

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

Carla Pratt Keyes

+ Hymn 773 *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

#### + Affirmation of Faith

[Affirmation from South Africa, written by Allan Boesak]

One: It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to die and be lost—

**All: This is true: For God so loved the world that God gave the only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life;**

One: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty,  
death and destruction—

**All: This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

One: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word,  
and that war and destruction have come to stay forever—

**All: This is true: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest,  
and whose name will be Prince of Peace.**

One: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world—

**All: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world.**

One: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything—

**All: This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy; your young people shall see visions, and your old people shall dream dreams.**

One: It is not true that our hopes for the liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history—

**All: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.**

+ Somos Uno (Hymn 322)

**We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.**

**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.**

**We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,  
One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.**

Prayers of the People

### EUCCHARIST

*Though we are not sharing the bread and cup today, we remember with thanksgiving (eukharistia) the grace (kharis) with which Jesus welcomes us to sit at his table, eat what will satisfy our deepest hungers, and feed others as we've been fed.*

*We offer ourselves in response to Christ's wonderful offering of love.*

Offering



*Everyone is invited to place tithes, offerings, visitor cards,  
or any other communications to the Pastor or staff  
in the designated wall boxes beside each door at the back of the Sanctuary  
or signal an usher to bring you the offering plate.*

*Monetary gifts and pledges to GPPC may also be given online at <https://www.ginterparkpc.org/giving>,  
or by using the QR Code to the left.*

Offertory

*Erat Jesus Ejiciens*

Manuel Cardoso

*Erat Jesus ejiciens daemonium, et illud erat mutum. Et cum ejecisset daemonium,  
locutus est mutus, et admiratae sunt turbae.*

*Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out,  
the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed.*

- Luke 11:14

+ Doxology (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and the 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### SENDING

*Our worship and service do not end with the postlude; we go forth to love and serve God in our daily lives.*

+ Hymn 354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

+ Charge and Blessing

+ The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

+ Postlude

*Præambulum Primi toni a.5 in D minor*

Matthias Weckmann

ABOUT WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: GPPC's Director of Music is Doug Brown. Our liturgist is Seminary Intern, Caitlin Culp. Today's lector is Michelle Owens. Our livestream operator today for Facebook and YouTube is Chuck Webb. Scott Carswell is lead usher.

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