

**MINISTRY**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**YEAR B**  
**JANUARY 28, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.**

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Coffee Hour	Volunteers
Altar Guild #4	Claire Addison, Louis Delp, Krista Meade, Marilyn Merritt Delp
Counters	Judy Anzalone and Blenda Wingate

**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit to the Glory of God.

**Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

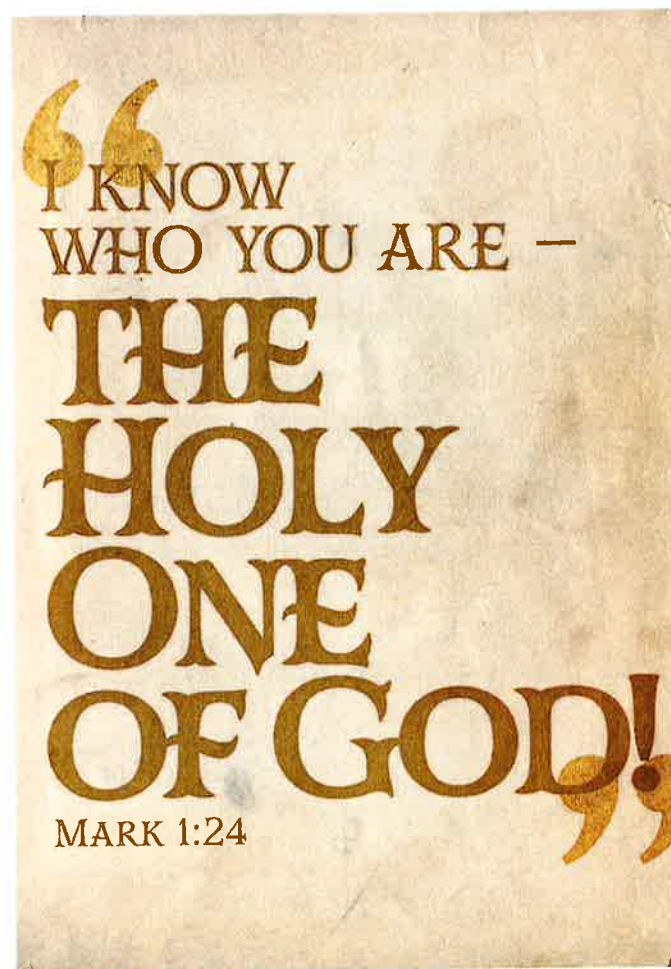
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January 28, 2024



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## YEAR B – JANUARY 28, 2024

### 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *Praeambulum* - 04

Opening Prayer

Land Acknowledgement:

We gather today in this sacred place, on sacred ground, and we remember those who have come before us. The people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Grants Pass, Oregon, acknowledge the original caretakers of the land on which we reside. The Rogue River Tribes include the Takelma, Athapaskans, the Shastas and Umpquas. In the 1850's, these Tribes were displaced when colonization and the Gold Rush brought Euro-Americans to their lands. They endured persecution, starvation, epidemics, warfare and were forcibly removed to reservations in Western Oregon.

These people are a part of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. We honor these Indigenous people who lived and worked on this land historically and who now live and work here presently.

Opening Hymn: *Christ for the world we sing!* Hymn 537  
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II BCP 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity (*said in unison*) BCP 355

The Gloria BCP 356

The Collect of the Day (*traditional*)

The Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(*silence*)

The Psalm 111 (*said in unison with Gloria Patri*)

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Response: *Thanks be to God.*

(*silence*)

Sequence Hymn: *Songs of thankfulness and praise* Hymn 135

Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

(*silence*)

The Nicene Creed (Large Print page 90)

The Prayers of the People VI

The Confession

The Peace (Large Print page 98)

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *O day of radiant gladness*

The Doxology (traditional, said in unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer – EOW 1

The Sanctus (*said in unison*)

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (Large Print page 110)

(*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you need communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher for assistance.*)

Communion Hymn: *My God, thy table now is spread*

Announcements

*Please welcome today our guest preacher and celebrant, Fr. Jim Boston.*

Post-communion Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *In Christ there is no East or West*

Postlude: *Postlude and Fugue in C Major* - 04

*Please remain seated until the Altar Candles are extinguished.*

The Dismissal

The Rev. Jim Boston

BCP 358

BCP 392

BCP 393

Hymn 48

Hymn 380 vs. 3

BCP 373

BCP 364

Hymn 321

BCP 365

Hymn 529

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.

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## 4 EPIPHANY

### Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, January 28, 2024

## COLLECT

*Traditional*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING God, you govern all things 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.*

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

MOSES SUMMONED all Israel and said to them, “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.’”

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## Refrain

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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### Psalm 111 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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. 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.

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as

## WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us for refreshments following the service. We have activities for children in a basket in the vestibule. Yellow Information Cards are also in the vestibule. If you wish to get involved with a ministry or activity, or interested in becoming a member, please fill one out and place it in the collection plate. Thank you.

### A Note on Pastoral Care

When a need for pastoral care arises, please contact one of the following below, and they will share your request with their team:

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### Prayer Chain

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### Land Acknowledgment

For non-Indigenous communities, land acknowledgment is **a powerful way of showing respect and honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live**. Acknowledgment is a simple way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and working towards honoring and inviting the truth. We encourage you to learn about the land we reside on and to join us in advocating for the inherent sovereignty of all indigenous people.

### Special Dates & Events

**Note:** The Annual Meeting has been delayed until a date to be determined in February. There will be more information later about this.

**Note:** Rev. Ernestine's official retirement date: May 1, 2024.

### St. Luke's Officers & Vestry

Hana Rubens, Sr. Warden (2024)

Dennis James, Jr. Warden (2026)

Vestry Clerk – position open

Laurel Samson, Treasurer

Darrell Buckner (2024)

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Alison Huber (2026)

Krista Meade (2025)

### Worship Advisory Committee

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Hana Rubens

### Pastoral Care

Claire Addison\*

Pam Boston\*

Bridget Garvin\*

Lynn Hughes

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