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Epiphany 4 Yr C – 30th January 2022

(Leader: *Nicole* / Greeter: *Mehry*)

Welcome:

Greeting:

On this fourth Sunday in Epiphany
May the light of the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light,
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us, let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**Great is everything God does,
full of honour and majesty,
whose righteousness endures forever.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful;
the work of God's hands are faithful and just.
**God's covenant is established forever
in truth and justice.**

Our redemption is in the name of our Lord.
**Holy and awesome is God's name in all
the earth!**

Opening Prayer:

Speak with authority
in our lives, O Christ.

Speak to us,
and to what is in us,
so that we might be whole.

Speak to us,
with love,
with hope,
and with strength,
so that we might hear you,
and know, deep inside,
that we are your people,
and that you are our God.
Let it be so.

Amen

Song:

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God,
we thank you for this extraordinary world
and its reminders of resilience, grace, hope and life:

for when grass shoots break through concrete
when the sun emerges after storms
for when people share our laughter and when they share our tears.
In these moments we see glimpses of who you are –
and we are grateful.

Forgive us when we reduce you to being like the cycle of nature
or the best of humankind,
when we diminish your power to make the impossible real:
to break apart the impenetrable evils of oppression,
to cast out the very real fears that paralyse us,
to banish the negative thoughts in our lives of judgement and worthlessness

Forgive us God when we do not trust you to deal with the unspeakable
awfulness in our lives and world.
In the silence we name the parts of our lives and our world that we believe are
too broken to ever be made whole

In our brokenness
Make us new again

Forgive us when we contribute to the brokenness of the world
and the lives of people around us.
In the silence we name the things we have done that separate us
from you and from others

In our brokenness
Make us new again

Forgive us when we trust darkness more than we trust your light.
In the silence we name the things we think we need to keep hidden.

In our brokenness
Make us new again
Amen

Words of assurance:

The light of God's love
shines into the dark places of our world,
healing its brokenness,
and bringing hope to places of despair.

The light of God's love
makes us a forgiven people.

Thanks be to God!

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

Song:

***Moment for the young at heart: book / youtube story (if it's a book –
Gretta is reading)***

Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10. Luke 4:21-30

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev Nicole Fleming

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Clabon

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread
forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen

Giving thanks: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

Thank you, God of grace, for all the gifts you give us.
Help us to be gracious givers
in response to all that you have given us.
Use these gifts, here today, to be your light in the world
Amen.

Song:

Benediction & Blessing:

May the Source of life hold you in the faith;
the Word of life speak clearly in truth around you;
and the Breath of life, of grace, of wisdom,
sing in your inmost being this day and all your days.

3-fold-amen

Acknowledgements:

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Call to worship: Michael Morgan [re:Worship: Psalm 111 Call to Worship Litany \(re-worship.blogspot.com\)](http://re-worship.blogspot.com)

Opening prayer: ~ written by Richard Bott, and posted on Sharing Liturgy.

[http://liturgy.richardbott.com/We pray in Jesus' name](http://liturgy.richardbott.com/We-pray-in-Jesus-name)

Prayer of confession: ~ adapted from: Cheryl Lawrie and posted on [hold this space].

<http://holdthisspace.org.au/all-of-who-we-are/>

Benediction: thebillabong.info