

# WORSHIP SERVICE – SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

## Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### OPENING RESPONSES – Psalm 71

I run to you, LORD,  
for protection.

***Don't disappoint me.***

You do what is right,  
so come to my rescue.

***Listen to my prayer  
and keep me safe.***

Be my mighty rock,  
the place  
where I can always run  
for protection.

***Save me by your command!***

***You are my mighty rock  
and my fortress.***

Come and save me, LORD God,  
***from vicious and cruel  
and brutal enemies!***

I depend on you,  
***and I have trusted you  
since I was young.***

I have relied on you  
from the day I was born.

***You brought me safely  
through birth,  
and I always praise you.***

***Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the  
beginning is now and will be forevermore. Amen.***

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Heavenly Father, as your children we come to you to confess our  
sins and to ask for your forgiveness.

***We confess, that although we have been created in your image, we do not always live as the people you have created us to be. For the sin we are born with, the wrong things we do, and the right things we fail to do, we are sorry, Lord God.***

***For not forgiving others as you forgive us, for our selfishness, for failing to always see and respond to the needs around us, we pray for your forgiveness.***

***Lord God, you have created us as who we are, so that we can all be together as members of your body. By the blood of Jesus, forgive us our sins and set us free, so that we can together worship and serve you in all we do. Amen.***

Because of His love for us, God sent Jesus to die and rise again so that our sins can be forgiven. Through your baptism you are now joined to this forgiveness and new life which is ours in Jesus. Go in peace, knowing His love and forgiveness in your life. Amen.

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray for the gift of love.

***Everloving God,***

***we thank you that you sent your own Son to bring us life,***

***and that through him you give us many gifts.***

***Teach us to desire your greatest gift,***

***the gift of love, so that we love others as you have loved us.***

***We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,***

***who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,***

***one God, now and forever.***

***Amen.***

**BIBLE READINGS – use from the separate file sent out or look up yourself:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a,13

Luke 4:21-30

*After each reading*

This is the Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed**

Or, use the song, ‘I Believe’ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI\\_FbWTkg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg)

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.***

***And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.***

***He descended into hell.***

***The third day he rose again from the dead.***

***He ascended into heaven,***

***and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**ADDRESS** – read this week’s address, or you can watch it on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nNMFFE9jNs>

Or listen to the audio from our website.

<http://www.standrewslutherangoldcoast.com/sermon-audios.html>

Then go through and reflect on or discuss the questions at the end of the address.

**SONG** – if you wish to, use one of the songs suggested in the email/on the website, or find and use your own choices.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

***Eternal God,***

***make us ready to tell and show others your love,***

***even if we are rejected.***

***Let your great love fill our lives,  
so that we give ourselves and our possessions  
in service to you and other people.***

***Amen.***

## **PRAYERS**

*You may wish to use the prayers which have been sent out, or to come up with your own.*

*After each prayer, you may wish to use the response:*

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

## **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.***

***Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.***

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and give us His peace.

***Amen.***