

Morning Worship with Vinod Victor

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Anglican Church of Freiburg - Morning Service 11:30 am



Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time to remember where you are,
and why you are here.
Give thanks and become still
in the presence of God

Prelude

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

CityAlight

CCLI: 7121852

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwc2d1Xt8gM>

Call to Worship

Venite – a Song of Triumph

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his
hand.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *Let there be love*

Dave Bilbrough – SoF 329
CCLI 35483

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZYQZPHABY8>

Praise and Thanksgiving

JUBILATE DEO

Psalms 100

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with
gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath
made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into
his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak
good of his Name.

**For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to
generation.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy
Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be : world without end. Amen.**

Penitence

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God,
I have sinned against you in thought, and word, and deed;
In things I have done,
But mostly in things I have left undone.
I have not loved you with my whole heart.
I have not loved my neighbour as I love myself .
Half the time, I haven't even realized my neighbour was there.

**Forgive me, Oh God,
According to your mercy.
According to your great compassion
Blot out all my iniquity .**

You were thirsty and I didn't give you a drink.
You were naked and I didn't clothe you .
I have gone around blind,
Preoccupied,
Self-absorbed,
Lazy,
Prideful.
I have blamed it on
Family responsibilities
Lack of time
Not my problem
My smallness .
Fear of doing it wrong.
If compassion is a seed, then I am the thorny soil .

**Forgive me, Oh God,
According to your mercy.
According to your great compassion
Blot out all my iniquity .**

I have nothing to offer you
 Except a broken and contrite heart .
 Remake my heart out of love,
 And let love be the heart of my life.
Amen

(Compiled by Fran Pratt. <http://www.franpratt.com/litanies/2016/9/23/litany-for-confession>)

Absolution

The Lord enrich you with his grace
 And nourish you with his blessing:
 The Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil
 The Lord accept your prayers
 And absolve you from your offences,
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.
Amen

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, creator of all things,
 who in the beginning
 did command the light to shine out of darkness:
 grant that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
 may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
 shine into the hearts of all your people,
 and reveal the knowledge of your glory
 in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Canticle or the Psalm

PSALM 48.

Magnus Dominus

The Glory and Strength of Zion

A Song. A Psalm of the Korahites.

¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain,

² **beautiful in elevation,**

is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north,

the city of the great King.

³ Within its citadels God

has shown himself a sure defence.

⁴ **Then the kings assembled,**

they came on together.

⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;

⁶ **trembling took hold of them there,**
pains as of a woman in labour,

⁷ as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish.

⁸ **As we have heard, so have we seen**
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God establishes forever.

⁹ We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

¹⁰ **Your name, O God, like your praise,**
reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory.

¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments

¹² **Walk about Zion, go all around it,**
count its towers,

¹³ consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,

that you may tell the next generation

¹⁴ **that this is God,**

our God forever and ever.

He will be our guide forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The First Reading

The reading from 1 Corinthians 13

The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly,^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gradual Hymn (before Gospel):

We are one in the spirit

Rev. Peter Scholtes – ACF 127

CCLI 5064232

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bL5bT_Ezeq8

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord as recorded in Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them

and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The Homily

Hymn after Homily: *Amazing Love – You Are My king*

Billy J. Foote
CCLI 2456623

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=amazing+love

Intercessions (by Tini)

Leader: “For this is our God forever and ever.”

Response: **“He will be our guide even to the end.”**

God, we bring you the situation in the Ukraine. I can’t even imagine what the people there are going through—the turmoil, the uncertainty of if a war will break out and when, the tension of citizens on both sides who are arming up to fight and the children and elderly who are

vulnerable and perhaps unaware of the situation. Prince of Peace, come into this situation and bring a peaceful resolution. Calm the hearts of all affected. Let them know you are near. We pray especially for Esther and her team and all their families, that they would feel your presence around them.

Leader: "For this is our God forever and ever."

Response: **"He will be our guide even to the end."**

When I see this pandemic continuing to go on and spread throughout this city, our neighborhood, our families, and even our loved ones, it is difficult to trust that you are there and you have everything under control. Without words you can heal the masses. We pray that your healing and powerful hand would heal especially those who are in intensive care. STOP the spread of this deadly virus. Protect all of the healthcare workers. Give them the energy they need to care for the sick.

Leader: "For this is our God forever and ever."

Response: **"He will be our guide even to the end."**

In our reading today we heard that "Love is patient and kind." Help us to grow in love. May this love cover over the disputes in our city and community. Whether it is political differences, varying stances on vaccination/COVID restrictions, theological issues or disagreements amongst friends and family members. God of love, show us how to first receive your love that is unlike any other. May we be so filled with this love that we extend it to others and may it smooth out all differing opinions. Holy Spirit guide us to reflect your love to those around us.

Leader: "For this is our God forever and ever."

Response: **"He will be our guide even to the end."**

We pray for our leaders. You are Lord of all and you stand over them. Whether political leaders, teachers, business

leaders, or spiritual leaders, they all need your guidance. May your guiding words speak louder than all other influential voices. May they too lead in love and kindness.

Leader: "For this is our God forever and ever."

Response: **"He will be our guide even to the end."**

Lord, we bring you those in our church who are in need of your healing touch. We pray especially for Margaret, John Samways and those we name before in our hearts who are physically ill. Guide their doctors. Give them peace in their hearts and, if it is your will, we pray that you would heal them.

Leader: "For this is our God forever and ever."

Response: **"He will be our guide even to the end."**

Lastly, we pray for all who are seeking your guidance. First, for those who are standing at a crossroads-whether in work, in school, in personal circumstances. Guide them with your loving hand. May it be as if you are lighting their way, step by step. Answer the questions that they may have about the future. In all the uncertainty of this new phase and/or transition, may they be engulfed in your unconditional love.

Leader: "For this is our God forever and ever."

Response: **"He will be our guide even to the end."**

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray the prayer that the Lord taught us, in any language we are most comfortable with

Closing Hymn: *Lord, the Light of Your Love*

Graham Kendrick - SoF 362

CCLI 30426

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rce9UHYZwl4>

Closing Prayer

O Lord, the Epitome of Love
 We thank you because you revealed yourself in Love
 Help us as we go on into our daily lives
 To Live a Life of Love
 And thus, bear Witness
 To Your Divine Love

Amen

Benediction



Go forth into the world in peace;
 be of good courage;
 hold fast that which is good;
 render to no one evil for evil;
 strengthen the fainthearted;
 support the weak;
 help the afflicted;
 honour everyone;
 love and serve the Lord,
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

Announcements

(see below)

Final Blessings

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

This week at the ACF...

Wed 9 pm	EVENING PRAYER on zoom
Sat 8 am	MEN'S BREAKFAST (Send a message to register. anglican-church-freiburg.de/contact)
Sat 3-6 pm	COUNCIL RETREAT for the ACF church council members
Sun 11:30 am	MORNING WORSHIP led by Christine Ghinn in person & on zoom

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for more information & the zoom link

Coming up...

Events

LENT

Program to be announced

EASTER RECITAL

Prepared & led by the ACF Youth

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and love abide,
these three;
and the greatest
of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13*

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