

## COLLECT & READING

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 31, 2021

#### COLLECT

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

*It is still early days in Jesus' ministry. On a sabbath day in the synagogue at Capernaum, he astounds the people by the power of his teaching. He performs an exorcism, and this, along with his powerful preaching, causes his fame to spread throughout Galilee.*

**Reader** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as 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.

**Reader**        The Gospel of Christ  
**People**        Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

