

THE DIVINE SERVICE

February 2, 2020

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

In Preparation

Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Choral Paraphrase, "Attende Domine" – Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Matthew 4:12-25

When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our loving Father, through the grace of your Holy Spirit you plant the gifts of your love into the hearts of your faithful people. Grant to your servants soundness of mind and body, so that they may love you with their whole strength and with their whole heart do these things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

O Gladsome Light – Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559)

O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father's face,
The eternal splendor wearing: celestial, holy, blest,
Our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.

(Phos Hilaron, Early Christian Hymn)

❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Martin Rinckart, 1636

Johann Crüger, 1648



1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven:



who from our mothers' arms hath bless'd us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore!



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next!
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

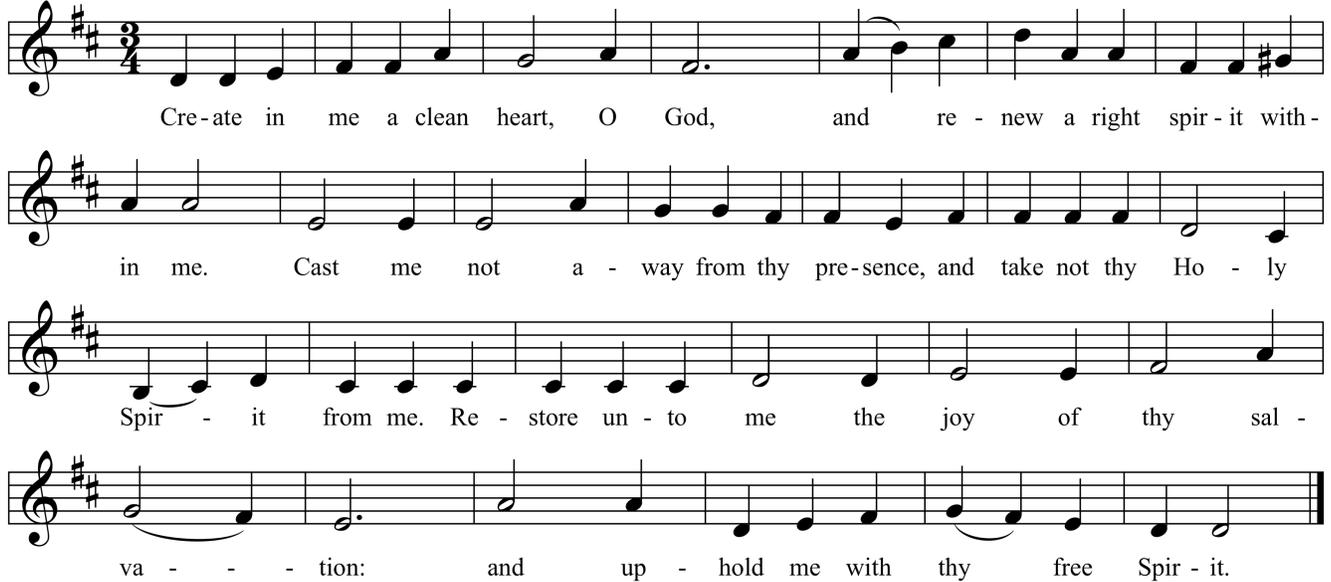
PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:10-12

Johann A. Freylinghausen



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from thy pre - sence, and take not thy Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of thy sal -
va - - - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

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Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

❖ THE GLORIA

Gloria in Excelsis

Nicolas Decius

Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,
 we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
 for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

The Service of the Word

❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 27:7-14

Sing Psalms, 2003

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1871

1. Lord hear me when I call to you;
 2. O do not hide your face from me,
 3. O God my Sav - ior, leave me not;
 4. Teach me, O Lord, how I should live,
 5. Give me not o - ver to the will

be mer - ci - ful and speak! "Come, seek my face!"
and do not turn a - side your ser - vant in
do not re - ject my plea. My par - ents may
and lead me in your way; make straight my path,
of ve - h'ment en - e - mies; for li - ars rise

you told my heart; your face, Lord, I will seek.
your righ - teous wrath, for you have been my guide.
for - sake me, Lord, but you will wel - come me.
be - cause my foes op - press me ev - 'ry day.
to slan - der me and breathe out cru - el - ties.

6. Yet I am sure that in this life
 God's goodness I will see.
 Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart.
 For him wait patiently.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OUR RESPONSE

Isaiah 9:2-8, John Morison, 1781

Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561



1. The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a glo - rious light have
 2. To hail you, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, the gath - 'ring na - tions
 3. To us the Child of hope is born, to us the Son is
 4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing



seen; the light has shined on them who long in
 come; they joy as when the reap - ers bear their
 giv'n, and on his shoul - der ev - er rests all
 Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the



shades of death have been, in shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.

5. His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us yours alone,
 Who with the Father ever are
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Locus iste — Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est
Place this by God was made

This place was made by God,

inaestimabile sacramentum,
inestimable mystery

a priceless mystery,

irreprehensibilis est.
without reproach it is

it is without reproach.

DEACON ASSISTANTS RECOGNITION

Jon Ahrens, Drew Alders, Taylor Alders, Jill Essex
Clayton Knippa, Lee Maverick, Beverly Mercer
Aaron Rhinehart, Robyn Rhinehart, Nate Serven

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Joshua Torrey

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 8:31-59

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

Freedom
John 8:31-59

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Confession of Faith

With Christians all around the world and down through the ages, we confess our faith together using the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creeds. These two credal statements are some of the oldest summaries of Christian theology and teaching available to us. The Apostles' Creed was not actually written by the apostles. It originated in the second century as part of a baptismal rite. Its present form was developed by the seventh century. The Nicene Creed was written in AD 325 as a summary of the work at the Council of Nicea. It goes into more detail than the Apostles' Creed because it was written to correct heresies that denied the Trinity and confused the doctrine of the Incarnation of Christ.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- ❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you!
Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

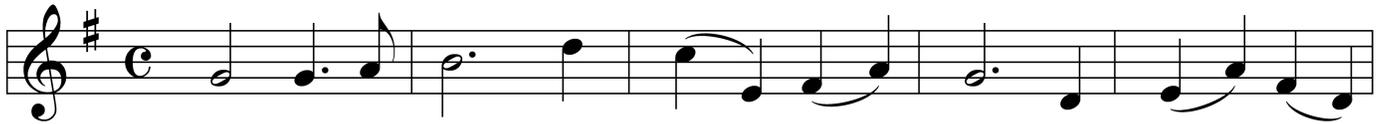
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Charles Wesley, 1738

Thomas Campbell, 1825



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con-dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy
 love!), and bled for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell
 head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -



love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 all! Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 preach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through



die for me?
 quire no more.
 found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 fol - lowed thee.
 Christ, my own.



be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

L. Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.
- People: **Amen.**

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister: The Lord be with you!
- People: **And also with you!**
- Minister: Lift up your hearts!
- People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**
- Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!
- People: **It is good and right to do so!**
- Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

11th cent. Plainsong, Steinau, 1726

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Isaac Watts, 1707

Hugh Wilson, ca. 1800



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - 'reign die!
2. *Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!*
3. Well might the sun in _ dark - ness hide, and shut his _ glo - ries in,
4. *Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;*
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of _ love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a _ worm as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! and love be - yond de - gree!
when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the _ crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all _ that I can do.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup

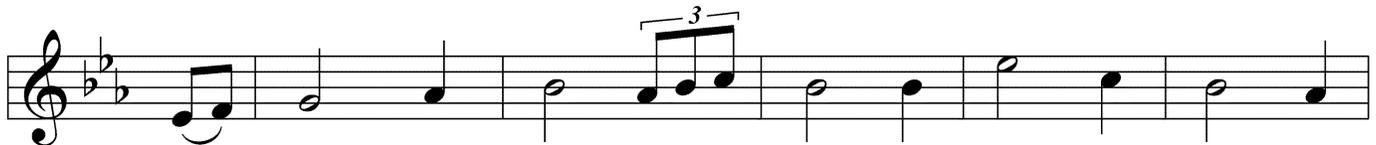
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)

Isaac Watts, 1707

Traditional Irish melody



1. How sweet and aw - ful is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear thy voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast



with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -



love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"
 wretch - ed choice and ra - ther starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 Constrain the earth to come;
 Send thy victorious Word abroad,
 And bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see thy churches full,
 That all the chosen race
 May, with one voice and heart and soul,
 Sing thy redeeming grace.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

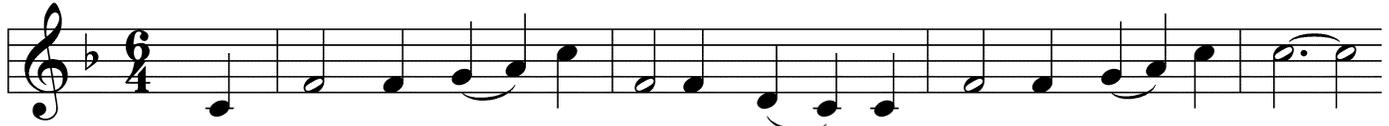
❖ **DEPARTING HYMN**

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32, para. James Quinn

Traditional American melody



1. Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is now ful - filled.
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen-tiles' prom - ised light,



These eyes have seen sal - va-tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 27:7-14

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away;

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me,

the LORD will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;

wait patiently for the LORD.

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Sermon Lesson – John 8:31-59

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.