



Healing of the Madman - Vittore Carpaccio

# **Epiphany 4**

## **Sunday 29th January**

**Morningside United  
Church**

Rev John Smith    Rev Fran Ruthven

**Organist: Dr Alberto Massimo**

**Reader: Alison Finlay**

### **CHURCH NOTICES**

**INTROIT** *HYMN 32, vs 1+2*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the presence of God and in the company of one another,  
let us wholeheartedly offer praise and thanksgiving for God's  
greatness and glory and power.

**We gather here to express our wonder and delight that God  
should care so graciously for us.**

### **GREETINGS**

**HYMN 39**                    *God the Lord, the king almighty*

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The Apostle Paul tells us that what is most essential in our conduct  
as Christians is not knowledge, but love. And that what we know is  
less important than our being known by God. So, we confess .... The  
times when we have used knowledge in ways which put people  
down rather than build them up.

**God, source of all knowledge, forgive us.**

When we see people being exploited because of lack of knowledge,  
and do nothing.

**God, source of all goodness, forgive us.**

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Léon Boëllmann

When we have idolised knowledge at the expense of loving and caring for others.

**God, source of all love, forgive us.**

When we have ridiculed others for having a weak and feeble faith because they appear to lack wisdom ;

**God, source of all wisdom, forgive us.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear and believe these words of grace: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17) And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN 340**

*When Jesus saw the fishermen*

### **THE WORD**

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20* (p.161)

Judex from Mors et Vita  
Charles Gounod

*Mark 1:21-28* (p.29)

### **ALLELUIA**

**HYMN 188**

*Thou hidden Love of God*

### **THE SERMON**

**HYMN 669**

*O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray*  
*(the offering is received)*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Living God, we acclaim you,  
majestic in holiness, worthy of praise,  
worker of wonders.

In the beginning you created the universe.

You made the sun and stars above our heads,  
the earth beneath our feet.  
Your word brought forth  
the rocks and streams,  
the surging seas,  
the wild winds and the mild.

You fashioned life in all its myriad forms,  
and shaped from clay  
the wonder of the human frame.

You spoke your word  
to those whom you had chosen;  
in disobedience they turned  
from your commands.

You came yourself  
in Christ the Word made flesh;  
but he was shunned, despised by all,  
forsaken in the darkness of the Cross.

You made the tree of death the tree of life,  
the empty grave a sign of glorious hope.  
You raised your Son  
and brought him to your side again,  
where now he lives to pray on our behalf.

Therefore with all your people,  
and with the whole company of heaven,  
we praise you in the angels' hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Now we celebrate the feast of our redemption,  
and proclaim the death of Jesus  
and announce his resurrection and ascension  
until he comes in glory.

Send down your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine;  
that they may become for us  
the body and blood of your most dear Son,  
and that we may become for you his living body,  
loving and caring for the world  
until the dawning of the perfect day.

Most gracious God,  
accept this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
and receive the offering of ourselves  
which now we make,  
our thoughts and words, desires and deeds.  
Gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and this one cup,  
that with the faithful of all ages  
we may with one voice and one heart  
glorify your name;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
and is worshipped and glorified  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BREAKING OF BREAD and SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE**

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION OFFERING**      *for work with children in Malawi*

Interlude - Mors et Vita

## **HYMN 192**

*All my hope on God is founded*

## **THE BLESSING with Sung Amen**

Toccata  
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