## THE GREEN SHEET

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Introit

January 28, 2024

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but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

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Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

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I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

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Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

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and to the Holy Spirit;

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is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Gradual** Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Learn by Heart: Mark 1:220

Alleluia. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

#### **INVOCATION**

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•Pray that we are all hungry for the Word of God.

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