



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Where Love Leads the Way

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

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Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People

And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One

People Have mercy upon us .

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 111 Confitebor tibi

Hallelujah!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

**His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

**He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

**He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

**The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.**

They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge."

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to

God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* v. 1-3 H-644

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Polly

H. Robb

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church, that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for Glenda, Brian, Polly, and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for Joe, our president, Kay, our governor, and Jim, our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Remembering especially... Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader We pray for the departed, especially.... that they may have eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them**
Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The leader adds prayers for the Diocesan communion.

THE CONFESSION

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements and Blessing 25 years of Meals on Wheels ministry

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow*

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HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, all are invited to communion in the Episcopal Church.

You may receive the bread in your hands and dip it into the chalice of wine,

or you may receive the sacrament by taking the bread only.

You may also come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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Change My Heart, O God

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, Heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Please join us for brunch in the parish hall
following the service today

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May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,
that your lives may be a light to the world.