



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

January 28, 2024
5:00P.M.

***Welcome!** Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand when the ministers of the service enter

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

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The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher R. Duncan

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

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Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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Collect of the Day

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.**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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.**

Read responsively by half verse.

Psalms 111

- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- ³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- ⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- ⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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.**

All stand.
Mark 1:21-28

Gospeler 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God.



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The Prayers of the People – Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Don and Lynn, our priests; Pat, our deacon; and Austin, our seminarian. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Anna's and Anna's Place, New Orleans and for the Dodwell House Community Resource Center.

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

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our president; Jeff, our governor; Sharon, our mayor; our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray for the victims of violence and war, especially those in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

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 Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Ellie, Holly, Marylyn, Deanne, Jim, Bob, Laura, Allyson, Michael, Beth, DJ, those on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Sydney, Anna Katherine, Alyce, Caroline, Maggie, Sloane, and Elizabeth, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Mack Martin Livingston and Sutton DeBose Bullock.

We will exalt you, O God our King.

People **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jackie Hamilton, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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 People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.