



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Announcements

Prelude: *Dona Nobis Pacem*, arr. John A. Behnke

Opening Hymn:

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn 493

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

BCP 78

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

1 Come, let us sing with joy un - to the Lord, and for our
 2 Great is our God and great - ly to be praised, sov - ereign a -
 3 Come, let us kneel be - fore the Lord our God; to our Cre -
 *4 Let not your hearts be hard-ened as of old, as were your

sav - ing Rock let us re - joice. In - to God's pres - ence
 bove all powers of heaven and earth. Both depths and heights are
 a - tor let all hearts draw near. This is our God, who
 fore - bears' in the wil - der - ness. Though they had seen the

come with hymns of praise; with thank - ful hearts new psalms and
 held with - in God's hand, who made the sea and mold - ed
 cares for us like sheep and who with stead - fast love our
 won - ders God had done, they dared to doubt and test the

an - thems raise, till all earth's tongues be joined in one great voice.
 the dry land, and from whose life all crea - tures have their birth.
 lives will keep. Oh, that to - day you would God's call - ing hear!
 Ho - ly One. So they were doomed to roam with - out suc - cess.

*Optional stanza for use on penitential occasions.

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 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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The Lessons

Old Testament

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

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 forever.

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 forever; *
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 forever.
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

The Epistle

A reading from 1 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,

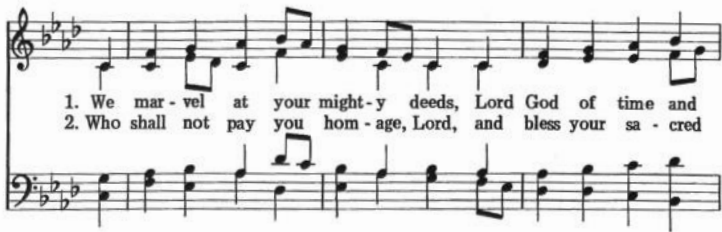
Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

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.

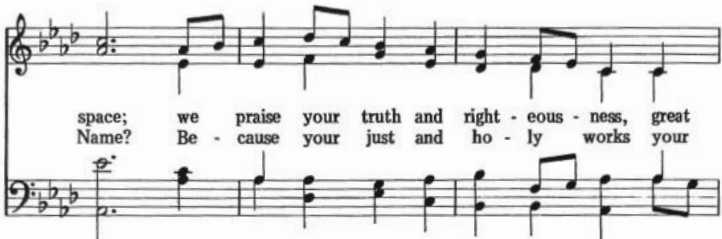
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People: Thanks be to God.

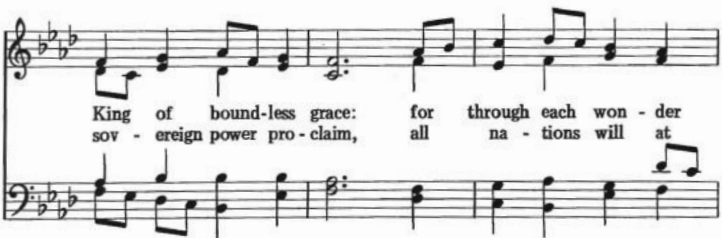
Canticle: The Song of the Redeemed



1. We mar - vel at your might - y deeds, Lord God of time and
2. Who shall not pay you hom - age, Lord, and bless your sa - cred



space; we praise your truth and right - eous - ness, great
Name? Be - cause your just and ho - ly works your



King of bound - less grace: for through each won - der
sov - ereign power pro - claim, all na - tions will at



and de - cree your stead - fast love we trace.
last draw near and you a - lone ac - claim.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989
MUSIC: Melody attr. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1836);
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

MORNING SONG
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**Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 1:21-28**

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.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Richard Rutherford

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together all standing:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Suffrages

Officiant (V) and People (R):

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name forever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant: 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends

We pray for: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Michael,
our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop and Vikki, our Rector;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of South India (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's Church, Baden and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco

St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek

St. Paul's Church, K Street

St. Paul's Church, Waldorf

Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Diocesan Convention

Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates, (January 26-27)

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Lydia Brittle, Steve O'Neil, Scott Peterson, Delbert Wemple,

Stevie Grimes, Laura Hobbs, Nancy Harding, Frank McMurtray,

Janet McMurtray

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)

Frank and Jerry Cross (V. Cross)

Rebecca Koltun & family (J. Rutherford)

Susan Oliver (J. Shea)

Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)

Roseann Royle (N. Row)

Bill Royle (N. Row)

Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)

Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)

Linda Abrahams (V. Clayton)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Nick Vlachos (C. Hendricks)

Janice and Jeff Sands (M. Wemple)

Meghan Bradley (N. Row)

Patty Terry (V. Clayton)

Nancy Willett (J. Rutherford)

The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)

Seth Washington (S. Grimes)

Amy Morris (D. Howard)

Helen Hamlin (N. Row)

Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

Raymond Parker (M. Wemple)

Michele Shirron (V. Clayton & N. Row)
Alma Bray (L. Bray)
Karen Scott (M. Wemple)
Jerrilyn Frame (M. Wemple)
Scott & Barb McDonald (V. Cross)
Paul Penfold (M. Wilner)
Scott Johnston (V. Cross)
Gerald Holbrook (M. Wemple)

January Birthdays

Stevie Grimes	January 5
Lois Leigh	January 8
Maya Fitts	January 11
Lauren Murtiff	January 12
Trevor Zolkiewicz	January 16
Vikki Clayton	January 22
Jack Hauber	January 24
Jennifer Rutherford	January 27

Officiant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, o lover of
souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem: *Wayfaring Stranger*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Closing hymn:

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Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Classical Postlude, Robert J. Hughes

*Please leave your offering in the collection plate located
at the table near the entry doors.*

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

Song of Simeon

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

This unrhymed 20th-century paraphrase by a Scottish Jesuit gives fresh immediacy to the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) and recaptures something of that aged priest's sense of wonder in beholding the infant Christ. The shape note tune enhances the text's down-to-earth quality.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938
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LAND OF REST
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(alternate harmonization, 691)

Morning Prayer Officiant Richard Rutherford
Broadcast Technician Jeff Bergsten
Usher Jack Hauber
Flower Guild Sharon Henderson
Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist
Lauren Fisher

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Jeff Bergsten, Bill Fitts, Charley Hendricks, Judy O'Neil, Maggie Schneider Ramey (visiting soprano), Geoffrey Rutherford, Jennifer Rutherford, Judith Schneider, Mary Wemple

St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Nancy Row
Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Victoria Cross, Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, Charley Hendricks, Deborah Howard, Lois Leigh, Lauren Murtiff, Robert Palmer

Announcements:

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is hosted by Jennifer Rutherford. Join us as Jennifer celebrates her birthday with us.

Forward Day by Day

The new issue of Forward Day by Day is available and is in the racks at the entrance to the church. Please take one.

Altar Flowers

We encourage you to donate to the altar flower fund, which is not only for dedications or special occasions. The cost is \$65.00, but all donations are accepted. Make checks payable to St. Bartholomew's and write

“flowers” in the memo line or put cash in an envelope marked flowers. Donations marked for special occasions are mentioned in the bulletin; send an email to parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org or call 301-355-7189 to let us know.

Bible Study

Bible study is every Thursday at 10:30 am. We’re finishing up “The Path.” Contact the Parish Administrator (parishadminin@saintbartholomews.org) for more information or to have the Zoom link sent to you.

Music Together with Sonia

Sonia offers music and dance for children from infants to five years old. There are classes at 9:30, 10:30, 4:15 and 5:15. More information is available at musictogetherwithsonia.com.

Food Giving Basket

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church with a “wish list” of items. Once it is filled Olney Help will come and empty it and we begin the filling process anew. Please help our less fortunate neighbors by adding a few extra items to your grocery list. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

On-Line Giving

There is now the option to contribute to the ministries of St. Bartholomew’s by using this QR code:



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