

January 31, 2021

9:00 am

## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



### The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

*In this season of Epiphany, we lovingly and intentionally are utilizing supplemental worship materials from The Episcopal Church's Enriching Our Worship. Let this familiar liturgy with its nuanced language, invite you deeper in your faith, and may the words open space for you to journey closer to the Light of Christ.*

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# SUNDAYS IN EPIPHANY AT ST. JAMES



As we return to worshipping exclusively online it is a good time to remember (and discover) some of the ways we can engage the practice less passively. Worship is the expression of the relationship of God, community, and self. So to bring ourselves fully into this expression, we should be intentional in how we participate.

1. Get ready. Turn off distractions and give the whole time to something greater than ourselves.
2. Use your largest screen.
3. Light a candle or place art or arrange flowers near that screen.
4. During the prelude breathe deeply and stretch your body.
5. Stand and sit and kneel and make the sign of the cross and bow and so on.
6. If joining the livestream of Holy Eucharist, say the responses, sing the hymns, check in with one another in the chat. Offer your prayers.
7. Everybody should get out pens and paper (or color crayons...) and write words that leap out at you or doodle. You could use clay and shape it. You could knit prayerfully. You could fill a tray with salt and write words with your finger. We need to find ways to connect with the tactile part of our life with Christ.

Lastly, **be not afraid** of YouTube, Facebook Live, or Zoom.

Challenge yourself to learn something new to worship with us.

Reach out if you need help.

And if you know how to use YouTube, Facebook Live, or Zoom, REACH OUT to someone in the church who doesn't and offer to help.

It will never be exactly the same as in person, however we can make it deeper for ourselves and each other. You are loved. You are not alone. And you are braver than you think.

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Processional** O For a Thousand Tongues to  
**Sing**  
(Verses 1-3)

Hymn 493

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever

**Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **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.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

### **Psalm 111**

*Please read responsively by half verse.*

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.**

### **A Reading from the 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

**Gradual Hymn Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

**Hymn 616**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

***People*** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Gospel: 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Jessie Thompson**

*A Time of Reflection and Silence Follows.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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

*Prayers of the People written by Rev. Rick Morley, Rector of St Marks Basking Ridge NJ*

*Celebrant* Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”;  
empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of  
your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-  
child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw  
the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness  
and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our  
country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.



Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We especially pray for those we name now, out loud or silently.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,**

opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

## **The Absolution**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord. You may greet each other in the comments section of our worship video.

## **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn      Thou Whose Almighty Word      Hymn 371**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*Celebrant and People say together*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.  
On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People say together*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## **The Invitation**

## **The Communion**

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All*      Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Recessional      O For a Thousand Tongues      Hymn 493  
to Sing  
*(Verses 4-5)*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.



# **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR!**

**Beginning at 10am after the service.**

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