THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service of Antecommunion St. John's Episcopal Church Ithaca, NY 14850 January 31, 2020, 2021 Year B

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude: Récit de Tierce en Taille from *Premier Livre d'Orgue* by Nicolas de Grigny (1671-1703)

Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Woodlands)

Hymnal # 438

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal # S-278

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*.

First Lesson 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."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 111 Confitebor tibi

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.

Epistle 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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 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.

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

Sermon The Rev. Megan Castellan

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People: Form III BCP 387

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.

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Dhara	Theodore	Virginia	Joell	Carol
Jean	Julee	Paul	John	Linda	Jeanne
Susan	Lorraine	Louis	Mary	Mary	Amy
Joan	Edith	Kay	Jimmy	James	Dick
CeCe	Libby	Joyce	Ruth	Lisa	Karen
Elizabeth	John	Sue	June	Keith	Loraine
Richard	Kathleen	Skip	Clare	Shella	Kay

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Mary Beth James, Mitzi Clark

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Hymn: Joyful, joyful we adore Thee (Hymn to Joy)

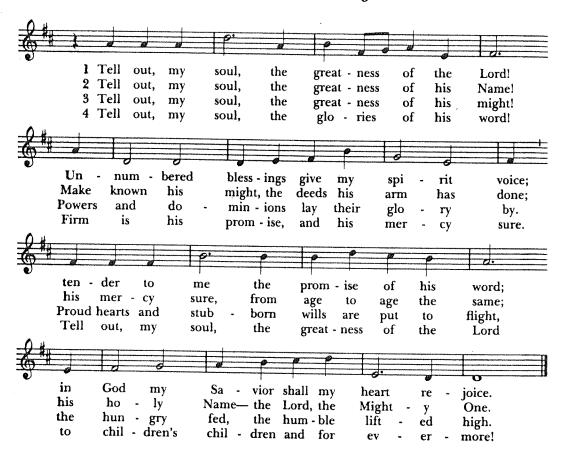
Hymnal # 376

Peace

Dismissal

Postlude *Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot* (These are the ten holy commandments), BWV 679 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

MANY THANKS to guest organist George Damp for sharing his performances in our worship service today.



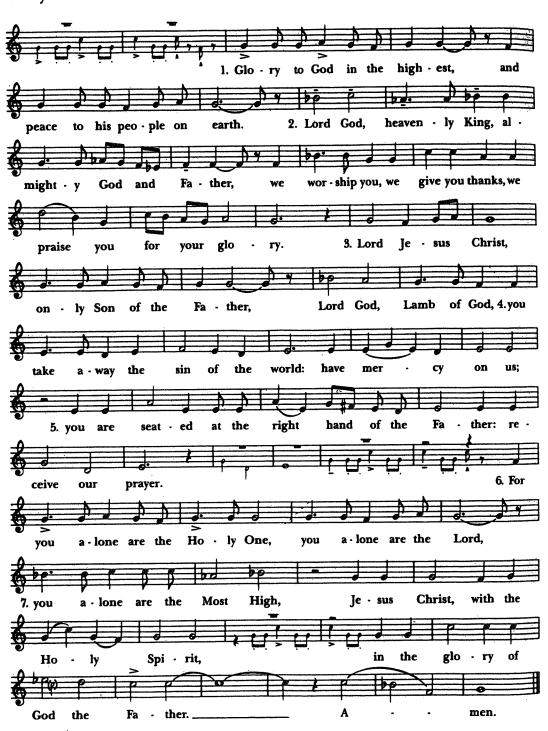
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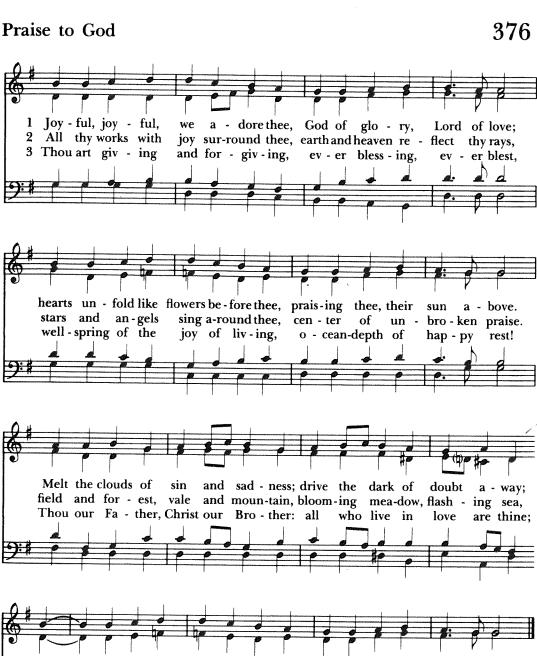
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Glory to God Gloria in excelsis



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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SINGERS from our parish — both local and online! — are invited to join in Cyber Choir as we prepare offerings for upcoming services. For more info, contact our music director through the church office.

PHOTOS to accompany instrumental Preludes and Postludes in streamed worship are welcome additions to our services. Please forward images of interest to the church office; thank you!

If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation here. Thank you!

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Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom https://zoom.us/j/91221585167

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