

## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Service of Antecommunion  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Ithaca, NY 14850

February 14, 2021 Year B

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

**Prelude** Reflections on *Salzburg* - Charles Callahan and T. Tertius Noble

**Hymn:** O wondrous type, O vision fair (*Wareham*) **Hymnal # 137, vs. 1-4**

**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.*

Hymn Songs of thankfulness and praise (*Salzburg*)

Hymnal # 135, vs. 1 & 4

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Alexander Ciccone, Pamela Quirk, Kalena Henry, Eric Blair-Joannou, Erik Wagner.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn:** Alleluia, sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

**Hymnal # 460, vs. 1, 3 & 4**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** "O Day of Peace" by Charles Callahan, based on the hymn tune *Jerusalem* by C. H. H. Parry

*Descant*

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the eter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875,  
 after James Turl (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

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Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
~~\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we -~~  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
~~\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the~~



1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
~~2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is -~~  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
~~5 scap - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the~~



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
~~2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the -~~  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
~~5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the -~~

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)  
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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**SPECIAL THANKS** to trumpeter Charlotte Hoekenga for joining our first hymn this morning! Advance thanks to oboist Nancy Siemon, who will play the prelude for our 7pm online Ash Wednesday service.

**TO ALL** who sang with our cyber choirs this Advent through Epiphany: whether you joined in dozens of hymns, or a handful, or just one favorite, your contribution enriched our worship! Many thanks to Hannah Bowen, Mtr. Megan Castellan, Sally Clayton, Ben Dean, Jen Dodwell, Jerome Fung, Josette Garrison, Timothy Hele, Karen A. Hindenlang, Mary Beth James, Amelia Paulson, Nicole Rivera Díaz, Michael Roman, Matthew Stedinger, Robin Steuteville, Skye Steuteville, Constance Stirling-Engman, Crawford R. Thoburn, Sara VanLooy, Beverly G. Way, John Wootton, and Baobao Zhang.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** (February 17) we will have "drive through" ashes distribution from 2-4 in the parking lot, and a live streamed service at 7 pm.

**A CALL** goes forth for images to accompany the music in our services! Please send anything you'd like to share to the office; thanks.

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>

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#).

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