

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to explore and celebrate God's infinite grace, acceptance, and love.

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The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

The Hymnal 1982 (H) is the blue book.

The service starts on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE: SCHMUCKE DICH BRAHMS

# THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

HYMN: HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

H 616

Please remain standing.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and

from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST LESSON: DFUTFRONOMY 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 lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence and stillness

#### THE PSALM: PSALM 111



- 1 Hallelujah!
  I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole | heart, \*
  in the assembly of the upright, | in the | congre- | gation.
- 2 Great are the | deeds of the | LORD! \*
  they are studied by | all who de- | light in | them.
- Full of majesty and splendor is the | work of the | LORD, \* whose righteous- | ness en- | dures for | ever.
- 4 Gracious and full of | compassion is the | LORD, \* whose marvelous | works are to | be re- | membered.
- 5 The LORD gives | food to the | God-fearing, \* ever | mindful | of the | covenant.
- The LORD has shown the chosen people | works of | power \* in giving | them the | lands of the | nations.
- 7 The hands of the LORD work | faithfulness and | justice; \* all the commandments | of the | LORD are | sure.
- 8 They stand fast for | ever and | ever, \*
  because they are | done in | truth and | equity.
- 9 The LORD sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the | covenant for | ever; \*
  holy and awesome | is the | name of the | LORD.
- The fear of the LORD is the be- | ginning of | wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the | LORD en- | dures for | ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON: 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.

Silence and stillness

Children in second grade and below are invited to follow the cross and process to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace to take Communion with their families.

**HYMN:** DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS H 339

11:00 service only

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

Please stand

Gospeller 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.

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

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

#### THE NICENE CREED

**BCP 358** 

Please stand.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Our prayer list can be found online at www.tinyurl.com/stpaulsfay-prayer

Prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed.

Please add your intercessions aloud or in silence after each petition.

At the end of each petition, the following is said:

Litanist We thank you God with our whole heart;

People for you are gracious and full of compassion.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

BCP 360

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE BCP 360

Please stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weekly announcements can be found online at www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## **OFFERTORY**

Gifts can be made online at www.tithe.ly/give?c=454227



8:45 ANTHEM: THREE GIFTS: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE

11:00 ANTHEM: OTCHE NASH: OUR FATHER

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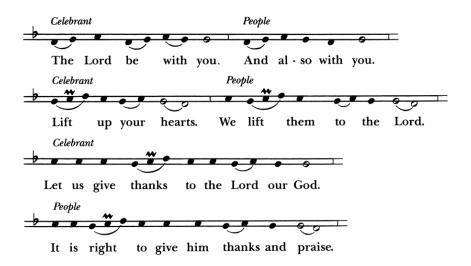
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B** 

**BCP 367** 

Please stand.

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00

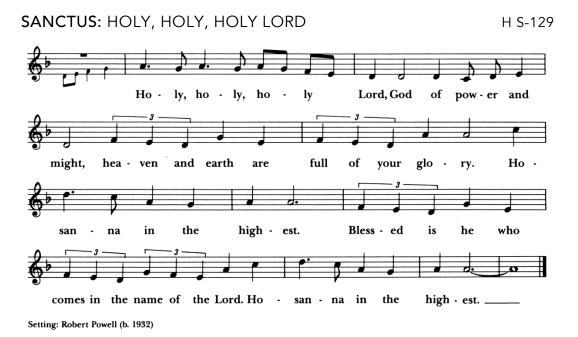


#### The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

**BCP 362** 

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

**BCP 363** 

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Presider and People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

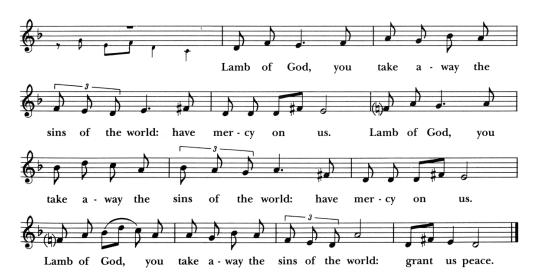
**BCP 364** 

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**BCP 364** 

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your pilgrimage of faith, you are welcome in this place; you are welcome at God's table.

To receive Communion, come forward down the center aisle. Hand sanitizer is available. You may come up the chancel steps to the altar rail or receive at the floor station in front of the pulpit. If you need the clergy to bring Communion to your pew, please let an usher know. To receive the bread, extend your open palm to the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice with your hand so that you can sip from the cup. You may also intinct/dip the bread into the wine if you prefer. If you prefer not to receive in either or both kinds, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those joining us at home

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beg you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Minister* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these

holy gifts, that [names of recipients] may share with us the

communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread,

one Cup.

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Please stand or kneel.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN:** THINE ARM, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD H 567

## THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal sentence

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: AGINCOURT HYMN ANON.

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