

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024

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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Atardecer* Lencho Amaro
Maria Fernanda Castillo, Flute; Régulo Stabilito, Cuatro

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 380: *From all that Dwell Below the Skies*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
People **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.**

Canticle of Praise: *Arise, Shine* Donald Pearson

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All Sing Refrain

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawn'd upon you.

For behold, the darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. *All Sing Refrain*

For over you the Lord will rise and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawning. *All Sing Refrain*

Your gates will always be open by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you the city of the Lord the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. *All Sing Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls Salvation and all your portals Praise. *All Sing Refrain*

The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory. *All Sing Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

The 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

Choir Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

ALL Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

Choir His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

ALL He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Choir He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

ALL He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

Choir The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
—all his commandments are sure.

ALL They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

Choir He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

ALL The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 567: *Thine Arm, O Lord*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

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: 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 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. 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

Let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

Brief silence God of healing, Jesus your son cast out unclean spirits, providing hope and new life. Silence the demons that possess us: addictions, destructive patterns, unhealthy relationships, or disordered attachments to money or power. Show us the path to wholeness and health.

People **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for St. Andrew's on this day of our Annual Meeting. Fill our congregation with your love, O God, so that our witness in this community may be humble, full of truth, and open to those who are different from us. We give thanks for those who have agreed to stand for election to serve in leadership positions in this congregation and we ask your blessing upon them. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

Where the earth is exhausted by our demands and the waters are polluted, bring rest to creation, restore the health of your creatures, and guide us to monitor our use of the earth's resources. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

When war and violence threaten innocent lives and displaced people flee in search of shelter, renew the strength of peacemakers and humanitarian aid workers. Raise up leaders who respect the dignity of every human being and value justice more than power. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

When the brokenhearted and powerless cry out for relief, lift them to new hope. Make your healing power known to those on our prayer list, those we hold close to our hearts, and all people in distress. *Pause* Comfort all who grieve losses of any kind and sustain the suffering with the peace that only you can provide. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

When we are troubled, lead us into quiet places of reflection and prayer. *Silence* God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your spirit, lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially David Jackson, father of Dave Jackson, who died this week; Sara Parker Floyd, John Polonchek, and Joyce Perkins, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning; and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant to them eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

O God, you have given so much to us, give one thing more, a grateful heart. Not grateful when it pleases us, as if your blessings have spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be your praise. All this we ask through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence* **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me

Spiritual, arr. Uzee Brown, Jr. (b.1950)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Children's Entrance Hymn 437: Tell Out My Soul

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: Freedom Mass

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Fraction Anthem: Those Who Eat My Flesh

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and I in them. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the wafer in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: Anhelante

Jose Sifontes

Maria Fernanda Castillo, Flute; Régulo Stabilito, Cuatro

Communion Hymn 339: Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 493: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Sabana/Caballo Viejo

Simón Diaz

Maria Fernanda Castillo, Flute; Régulo Stabilito, Cuatro