



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024
10:00am

*As we gather before the service begins,
We encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

We also ask you to silence your cell phones.

Prelude	Deck thyself, my soul with gladness <i>Wayne Hatwich, organist</i>	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>
Processional Hymn	<i>O love, how deep</i>	Hymn #448
The Opening Acclamation		BCP pg. 355
The Collect for Purity		BCP pg. 355
The Gloria		S280
The Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany		
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.		
Old Testament		see insert
Psalm		see insert
New Testament		see insert
Gradual Hymn	<i>Thine arm, O Lord</i>	Hymn #567
The Gospel		see insert
Sermon		The Reverend Diane Tomlinson
Nicene Creed		BCP pg. 358
The Prayers of the People		BCP pg. 387
Confession		BCP pg. 360
The Peace & Announcements		
Offertory Anthem		see insert
Offertory Response		Hymn #11, vs. 4
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>		
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP pg. 367
Sanctus		S129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP pg. 364
Agnus Dei		S163
Communion Hymn	<i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	Hymn #339
Communion Anthem	The Grace of Christ <i>May the Grace of Christ our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above. Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.</i>	<i>Richard Lloyd</i>
Postcommunion Prayer		BCP pg. 365
Blessing		
Recessional Hymn	<i>God, the omnipotent</i>	Hymn #569
Dismissal		
Postlude	Jig Fugue	<i>Dieterich Buxtehude</i>

Anniversaries Jesse & Flute Saenz 01/31 and Danny & Gale Degner 02/01

Prayer list Byron, Amber, Patrick, Larry, Roger the victims of gun violence, the people of Rockford, and Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Iran

Those serving in the military: Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Josh

Announcements

The food collection continues. Dry or canned. We're also collecting pet food.

Mardi Gras: Tuesday, February 13 from 530p to 730p. Bring an appetizer or dessert.

Ash Wednesday: February 14th Noon and 6:00pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Book Club: will meet on March 12, due to Shrove Tuesday on February 13.

Lent Weekly Study: begins February 21st at 11 in the Sanctuary. Sign up for soup, bread or salad.

Readings, Psalm, and Offertory

Old Testament

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

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 del-ight in them.

3 His work is full of majes-/ ty and splendor, *
and his righteous-/ ness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to / be re-membered; *
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 com-/ **mand**-ments 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 / cove- nant for ever; *
holy and / awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the be-/ginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his / praise endures for ever.

New Testament

I 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

The Gospel *(stand)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 1:21-28

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 Christ.

Offertory Anthem

Christ is the world's true light

J. S. Bach

<i>1. Christ is the world's true Light, the Captain of salvation; The Daystar shining bright to every man and nation; New life, new hope awakes, where'er men own his sway; Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.</i>	<i>2. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting; When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear, To plowshares bear the sword, to pruning hooks the spear.</i>	<i>3. One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee; Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.</i>
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Maryanne Theyerl, & Jean Frana

Assisting in the Liturgy

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa

1st Reading: Valerie Sanders

2nd Reading: Maryanne Theyerl

Prayers of the People: Stacey LaRosa

Altar Guild: Mary Johnson

Ushers: David & Kay Hatch

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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