
*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
A Service for Spiritual Communion and
Communion Under Special Circumstances*



*Welcome
Ringing of the Bell*

*Opening Hymn
1982 Hymnal #405 "All things bright and beautiful"*

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. (Refrain)

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The 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.**

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

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.**

Our Response

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 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.

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- 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 forever.**

*A Reading from Paul's First letter to the
Corinthians* 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.**

The Sequence Musical Offering "Alleluia"

The Holy Gospel According to Mark 1:21-28

The Holy 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, and descending upon the Son of Man.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily
Prayers of the People

Mother Barbara

As the people gathered in Capernaum to hear Jesus' words, so too have we come together to hear God's word. Let us boldly offer our prayers to God, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

For the world in which we live and to which we are called, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, and for world peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the church of Christ, zealous in mission, compassionate in service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation and for our hearing the word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who labor in the world and in the church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick, praying with special intention for those who have been exposed to or have been infected with the Coronavirus, and those who asked for our prayers: Sue, Linda Gatchel, Ellen, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Homer, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Janet, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Susan and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Rotz, Brian Helman, Rachel Mooney, Stan and Dottie, and for those who care for them and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: the family of Dick Weller, Dina and Patrick, Pierre and Sassie, Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud. For health and wholeness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the homeless and for the refugees, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those with whom we rejoice, and for those whose joy is known only in the secrets of their hearts, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O God, we commend to your care all for whom we pray, in the confidence that your love for them is greater than anything we can know or imagine. Hear us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of Prayer Shawls

May God's grace be upon these shawls, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receives these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed be you, Lord God, the source of all love, comfort and hope. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our fathers and mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us

one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The Post-Spiritual Communion Prayer

Let us now offer this prayer for Spiritual Communion, together as One Body:

Dearest Jesus,

We believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament, and that You fill us at all times with your holy, healing, and life-giving Presence. We love You above all else, and our desire is always to welcome You into our souls. Since we cannot at this moment receive You in consecrated bread and wine, help us to know your Presence spiritually, and more deeply in our hearts. We embrace You, knowing that You are already here, and we unite ourselves wholly with You. Never let us feel separated from You or from Your love. As we offer our hearts and spirits in our love of Christ, we pray, Holy Spirit, make us like Jesus: one body, food for the world, one blood, poured out for the life of all. Amen.

Receiving Communion under Special Circumstances

(For those who have consecrated wafers)

The Collect preparing our hearts to receive

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Sacrament

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual presence of the Risen Christ. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding; keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

LEVAS #181 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun,

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude