The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Holy Eucharist: Rite II January 31, 2021 at 10:00am



During this time when we aren't able to be together physically, we invite you to join us in other ways. Please check our <u>Website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> pages regularly for new information and video messages. If you are in need of groceries, medicine, or any other essentials please let us know by calling (717) 299-1188 or emailing equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

THE GLORIA (sung)

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THE 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.*

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 (read responsively)

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

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.



Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant 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.

PeopleThe Gospel of the Lord.Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

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. (pause) 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV (kneeling)

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up St. Paul's, Manheim in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of the Central States. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor, we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Larry Carroll, Emily Lavender, Marita Houston, Dianne Skilling, Kerry Cater, Max Allen, Chase, and Tom Hemler, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our praver*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

At this time, we invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!) BCP 360

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Thank you for your continual support of the mission and ministry of St. John's. Contributions can be placed in the offertory plate as you exit, given online on our website, or mailed to the church office (321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603). Again, THANK YOU!

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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 God thanks and praise.

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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Officiant and People

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE CLOSING HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Instrumental

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED



UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Children's Church (Zoom)
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Martha's Ministry
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
5:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer (Facebook)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
7:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice (Auditorium)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

NA: Monday and Wednesday - 12:00 Noon (All Purpose Room)

GUEST VIOLINIST - Jess Kling is a violinist and music educator who is currently teaching elementary strings in Hempfield School District. She enjoys performing with the Fulton Theatre Orchestra and other local organizations. Jess plays and sings regularly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy, where she and her husband are members.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE II RACE TO THE FINISH

Total pledges and gifts to date: \$595,226. **Final Lap:** \$120,000 to go as of December 1, 2020. **Final Lap Progress:** 22 donors running up a total of \$18,988 in new gifts and pledges. **Needed to reach the Finish Line:** \$101,012.

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you for your continual support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. Thank you for being good news to those in need. We are currently in need of toiletries; pasta sauce; and canned goods: soup, chicken, tuna, vegetables, and fruit. (Please leave items on the back porch of Becker House).

AUCTION



Collect: Items will be collected from now until February 14th

Smaller items will be held in the auditorium, while large pieces of furniture will be kept in the choir rehearsal area near the parking lot.

Auction will be open to the public.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS:

MEN'S TRIVIA NIGHT

GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!!!

Thursday February 11, 2021 | 6:00 PM Join us on Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2093564943?</u> <u>pwd=VGIzMkp4a3p2QmZVSHYxcG1LeHdWdz09</u>

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