



# The Liturgy of the Word

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

*The people's responses are in bold.*

## The Entrance Rite

*The people stand as able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 616

*Hail to the Lord's Appointed*

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the One Holy and Living God  
**Glory to God forever and ever.**

## THE 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE • S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

## The Word of God

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

**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 God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 111** (*Read in unison*)

**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 forever.**

**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 forever; \*  
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.**

## THE SECOND READING

## 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 God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able at the introduction of the hymn.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 457

*Thou Art the Way, to thee alone*

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:21-28).

**Glory to you, O 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, O Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Karen A. Calafat

## 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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, grant 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 pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Scott, our bishop; and for all bishops, ministers and lay leaders. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially Joe, our president; Kamala, our Vice President; Greg, our governor; and Betsy, our mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Christ, 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. Christ, 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. We pray for 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry, Eastside Ministries, and other non-profit organizations caring for your beloved. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Joy of human hearts, heal our communities, especially those where your word is not heard, or where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures. Protect and guide those who serve in the military, and those who are first responders. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, bless those worshiping with us today and any looking for a place to belong; sustain the people who need your presence and help especially those we now name \_\_\_\_\_. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

*All* **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 PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE BLESSING

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE