

Saint George's Church

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January 28, 2018

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE: *Pastorella, Part II*, by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 455: "O love of God, how strong and true" *Dunedin*

INTROIT: *The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, and his tongue will be talking of judgment. The law of God is in his heart; and his goings shall not slide. Glory be...*

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP 323):

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 323)

kneel

Celebrant begins: Let us pray

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON: S-91 "Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena" Healey Willan
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: S-202 *found in the front section of *The Hymnal 1982*

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 339):

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*FINAL HYMN 493: "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

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POSTLUDE: *Pastorella, Part I*

Today's Celebrant & Servers

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Associate Organist- Joan Pearson

Crucifer-, Alice Polumbo, Steve Hartz, or Colton Jaquith

Thurifer-Chris Henry Acolytes: J.J Moran, Anna Thiessen MC 10AM-David Kennison

Greeters: Jim Wingate & Rosemary Pannone

Lector 10 AM: Diane Reed

Counters: Grant Jaquith & Sue Hartz

WELCOME GUESTS-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during the 10:00 AM service upstairs in the Great Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING Today is our annual meeting. Please join us after the mass in the Great Hall for luncheon, election, and meeting.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS There is one open nomination for Senior Warden. Traditionally a Church Warden is nominated from the ranks of the Vestry. The nominations for Sr Warden and Vestry members are as follows.

Sr. Warden 1st term Suzanne Hartz, Vestry members 1st term, Sandee Hughes, Meg Hughes, and Jonathan Pearson

BIBLE STUDY Join us Sundays at 9am in the Shaw Lounge (Great Hall) as we begin a new Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews. In our first session we will look at the first chapter and discuss the place of angels and the uniqueness and supremacy of Christ in relation to all of God's messengers.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next date for theology on tap are Feb 8th at the Van Dyck 7:30 PM. The topic will be, "What does it mean to call Jesus GOD?"

LENTEN SUPPER SERIES Beginning 2/11 and running throughout Lent (with the exception of 2/25) St. George's will be hosting a Lenten discussion series Sunday evenings at 6PM based on Anglican Bishop NT Wright's *Surprised by Hope*. In six transforming, faith-inspiring sessions, Wright, a premiere biblical scholar, opens your eyes to the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Sessions will include a potluck supper. Sign up sheet pending.

FAURE REQUIEM On the evening of Sunday 2/25 3PM join us for a special Evening Service featuring the Music of the Faure Requiem. A number of guest will join the St Cecilia choir to offer this beautiful evening of music as the final service of Andrew Krystopolski's time as musical director at St. George's.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE St. George's book club will meet on April 8th following the 10 AM Mass. The title is "Behold the Dreamers" by Imbolo Mbue.

CITY MISSION FOOD PANTRY- St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission Food Pantry. Please remember the food pantry when doing your grocery shopping as your contributions assist those who are not able to consistently realize proper nutrition for themselves or their families.

WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING IN THE GREAT HALL All are welcome (you don't need to know how to sing or read music) to experience the old harmonies of the Sacred Harp tunebook every Wednesday from 6-8pm. More information at albanysacredharp.org. Come join us, and let your friends who love to sing know about this new opportunity.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, January 28 *THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

9:00 Bible Study

9:30 AM Prayer

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

11:30-Annual Meeting and Lunch

Monday, January 29 Feria

Tuesday, January 30 Charles Stuart King of England & Scotland

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Rite I Mass

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Wednesday, January 31 Feria

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00PM Evening Prayer

Thursday, February 1 Brigid, Abbess of Kildare

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, February 2 *Presentation of our Lord Jesus in the Temple*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite I

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Saturday, February 3 Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg

Parish Intercessions-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Ken, Polly, Christian, and Sam

Birthdays: James Moore III 1/29, Paul Smigelski 1/30, John Ericson 2/1

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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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 Confitebor tibi sung by the choir chant by Richard Massey

- 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.

THE EPISTLE: 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 every-one, 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 443: “From God Christ’s deity came forth” *Salem Harbor*

ALLELUIA: *The Lord executes righteousness; and judgment for all who are oppressed.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1: 21-28 *stand*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to thee, O Christ

THE SERMON *Fr. Matt Stromberg*
stand

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 328)

CONFESSION (BCP 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and for-

give us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

**THE COMFORTABLE WORDS
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *I have called thee in righteousness; and will give thee for a covenant of the people; for a light to the nations; to open the blind eyes.*

***OFFERTORY HYMN 616:** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP 333)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying...*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: S-114 Healey Willan

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334) *kneel*

LORD’S PRAYER

THE FRACTION (BCP 337):

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore Let us keep the feast

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit

AGNUS DEI: S-158 Healey Willan

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 337):

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:

(All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)

COMMUNION SENTENCE: *All wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.*

COMMUNION MOTET: “Ave Verum Corpus” .A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Hail! True body born of Mary, Spotless Virgin’s Virgin birth;

Thou who truly hangest weary, On the cross for sons of earth;

Thou whose side was deeply riven whence the water flowed and Blood:

Mayest thou, dear Lord, be given in death’s hour to be my food.

O sweetest Jesu, O gracious Jesu! O Jesu, holy Mary’s Son.