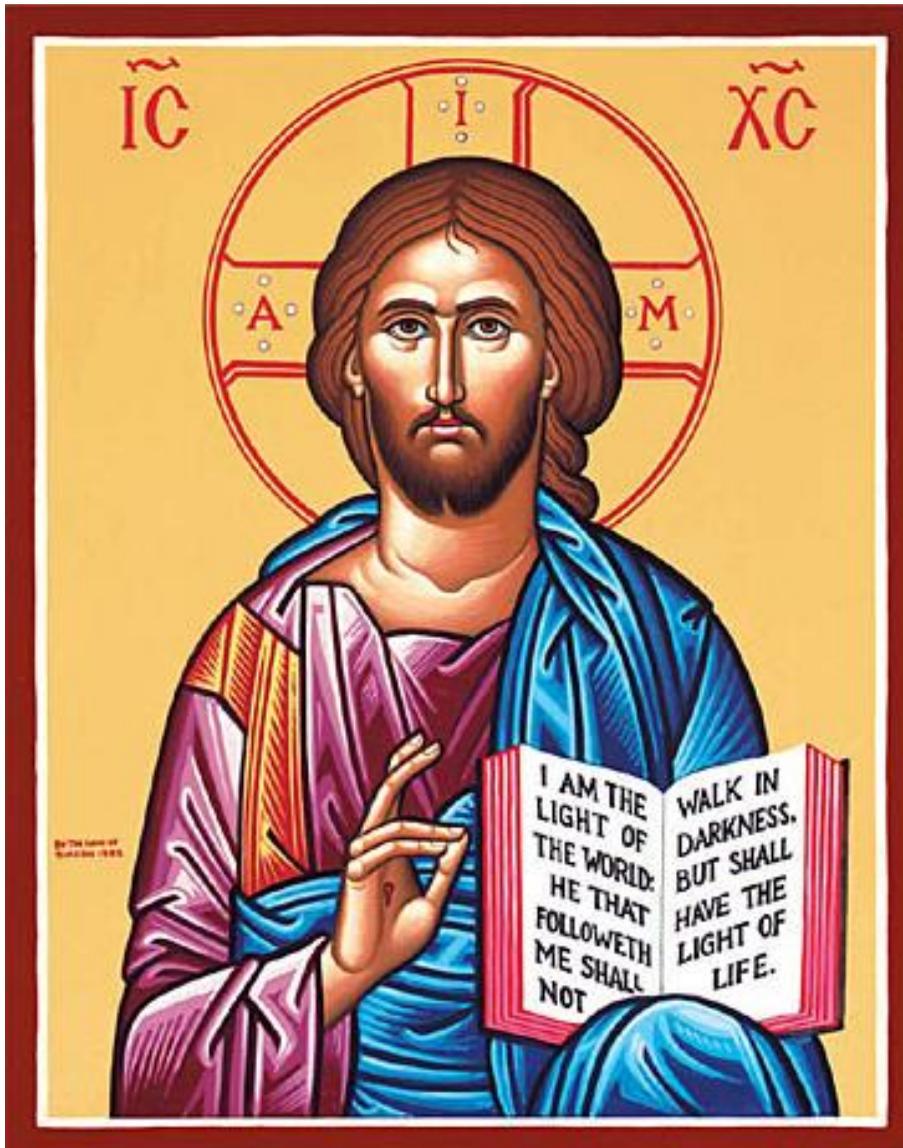


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(YEAR B)



Christ the Teacher icon

1 February 2015

11 A.M. Mass

Prelude

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymnal 530

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

BCP 355

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

Collect for Purity

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 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 *Confitebor tibi*

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.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the 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.**

God is love, and where true love is

Hymnal 577

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Katherine our presiding bishop, Holly our own bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those who are sick and in need of special care: Betty Ann, Helen, Clare, Frances, Edmund, Sandra, Rachel, Matt, Paul, Alan, Marvin, Sandy, Ron, Roland, Barbara, Jim, Grayson *Silence*

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Geoffrey, Michael, James, Megan, Katie, Tim *Silence*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For those celebrating birthdays (*Silence*) and anniversaries (*Silence*)

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
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.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Announcements, Offertory Sentence, Choir Anthem, and Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

as announced

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation: All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Hymnal 339

There is a balm in Gilead

LEVAS 203

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'There is a balm in Gilead'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

Fine

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, — But —
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
 3. Don't — ev - er be dis - cour-aged For — Je - sus is your friend, — And —

D.C.

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Thanks be to God

Where charity and love prevail

Hymnal 581

Postlude

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Announcements

Sunday School for Children of all Ages. After the service in the Sunday School room.

Lectio Divina prayer group will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Services will be at 12 noon and 7 p.m. (ecumenical). 18 February 2015.

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Beth Coles, John Geyer

Prayers:
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