



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

January 28, 2024 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lou Hays

Acolytes: Kaityln Foggin, Aubrey Smith

Lector: Anthony Williams, Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

Director of Music: Christopher Koon

Chalicer: Toni DeVore

Intercessor: Bob Crocker

The Word of God

Voluntary

“Prière”

Jean Langlais

Processional Hymn #569

“God the Omnipotent!”

Russia

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 #S280 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.*

The Lessons

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.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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.
- 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 the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

“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.

The Sequence Hymn #593 “Lord, make us servants of your peace”

Dickinson College

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

People 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lou Hays

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. 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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III *(led by Bob Crocker)*

The prayer list usually prayed for during the Prayers of the People may be found at the end of the service booklet. The congregation is free to add names in the appropriate place in the prayers, either silently or aloud, and to pray for these people throughout the week.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, for Lou our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe our President, Jim and Mike our Governors, and for our local elected officials.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list. And for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, for the birthdays of *Roberta Green and Heyward Roberts* and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Dean Parsons by his wife, Colleen.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Timothy's-in-the-Valley, Hurricane.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Please join me in the Prayer for the Transition.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your blessings upon this parish. Pour out your Holy Spirit to guide us and the Discernment Committee through this sacred time of transition. Be with us as we plan for the future of our parish. Grant us wisdom, patience, and strength in this journey to find a new shepherd. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Celebrant

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 Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant

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

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Please stand for the Offertory Hymn

Offertory Hymn #567

“Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

St. Matthew

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus # S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us

worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Hymn #339

“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

Schmücke dich

Post Communion Hymn (pg. 10)

“If you believe and I believe”

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #616

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Voluntary

“Toccata in F Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza

Marcia Doyle – healing

Diana Quick – healing

The People of Ukraine

Peggy Roberts - healing

Peter Gevas – healing

Bill Riner & crew – safe sailing around the world

Larry Hand—healing

Mary Gevas – healing

Jone Johnson – healing/strength

Diane Cottrill – healing

Ann Stevens– healing

Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing

David Cottrill - healing

Dee Milhoan - healing

Vickie Dilley – healing/strength

Joe Martucci - healing

Becky Winans – healing

Colleen Parsons – strength/healing

Chris Heckman – healing

Judy Williams—healing

Eric Dailey – healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk

Steve Wilson

Jean Singer

Sherry Shepler

Judy McCoy

Alana Dailey

Roy Trembly

Paul Rutledge

Tabitha Arceneaux

Tammy Marks

David White

Birthdays: *Roberta Green, Heyward Roberts*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting – Today we will have our annual budget meeting immediately following the 10:15 service in the Great Hall.

Open Altar Flower Sunday is Feb. 4th. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please contact Ginger in the parish office. One vase is \$50, two vases are \$100.

2024 Pledge Envelopes – If you have turned in a pledge for 2024, your envelopes are available in the Narthex for you to pick up. Remember not to use them until 2024. If you would like to have envelopes and have not or do not wish to pledge at this time, let Ginger know and she will assign a box to you.

2023 Year-end Pledge Statements – Your year-end pledge statements are available in the Narthex today.

Last Sunday Supper – TODAY is the Last Sunday Supper for our neighbors and we could always use your help. We begin set-up and cooking at 1pm. All servers need to be here at 5:15pm to prepare to serve the meal at 5:30pm. We would appreciate any amount of time you can give.

Book Group – The next book is “Dancing in the Darkness” by Otis Moss III. Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times”. The group will meet at 9AM until Easter, in person and also via Zoom. We would love to have you join us for a lively discussion.

Mark your calendars:

- Jan. 28 – Annual Meeting at 11:30AM**
- Jan. 28 – Last Sunday Supper at 5:30 PM**
- Feb. 11 – “Souper” Bowl Sunday**
- Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday – Services at Noon & 7PM**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The lyrics are: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with mostly quarter and eighth notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence on the fifth system.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er

pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple

free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple

free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.