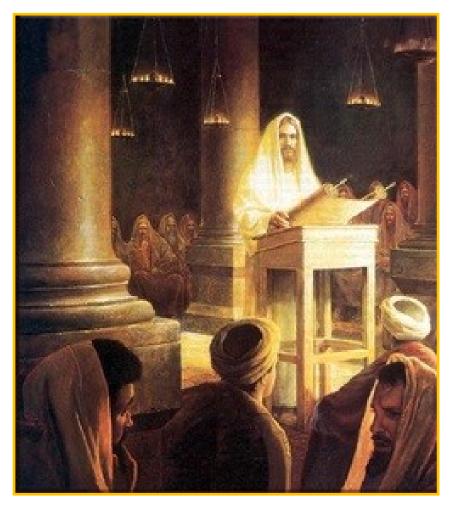
THE FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 10:00 AM

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN

Celebrant: Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

LECTOR: KEVIN DAVIS

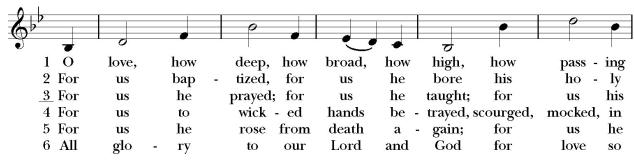
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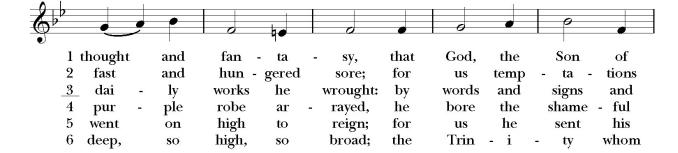
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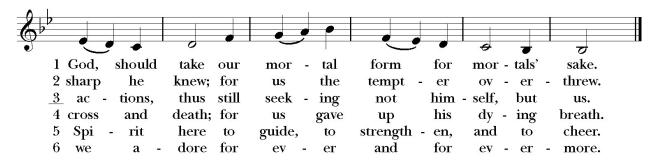
Entrance Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum







Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deus tourum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

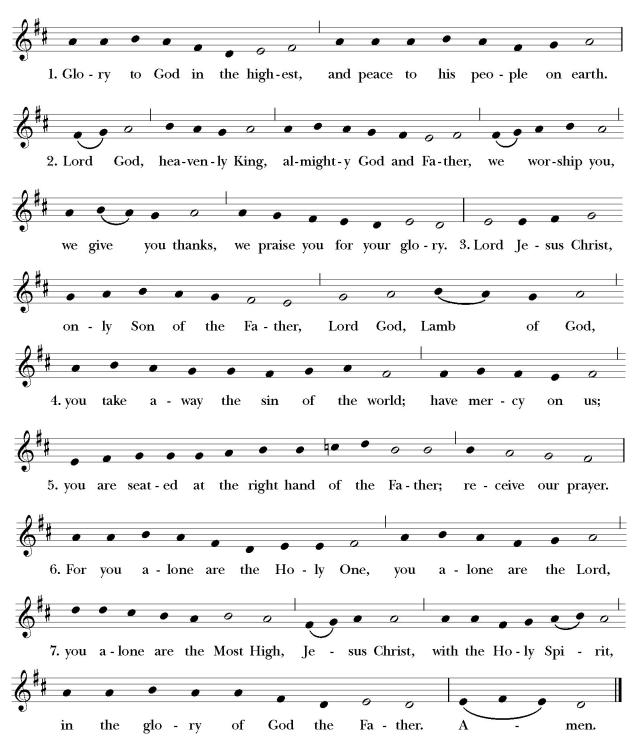
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA S277



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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.

THE LESSONS

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The people sit.

Reader 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.

THE PSALM APPOINTED 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.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader 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.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

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 GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went into 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 You, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

THE NICENE CREED

Said in unison.

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

Leader 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.

Silence

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; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for all those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Strengthen and equip all healthcare workers and essential workers, who with hearts of service stand on the front lines, providing care and maintaining the systems that sustain us all. Grant them courage and protection.

Silence

Lord, 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of the manifest Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.

PRAYERS

- · Parishioner Cycle of Prayer Al and Marilou Haight
- · Ministry Rotation Prayer Outreach Committee
- · Happy birthday to Breck McHenry and Milo Jones
- · For those who are sick: Kitty Martin, Jerry Swanson, Jack Schark, Bev Wille, Marylou Haight, and Gary Allen.

To add someone to the parish prayer list, please e-mail the office at: office@stpetersfort.org, or contact Eda Wilson, our prayer net coordinator, edesw2@gmail.com. If you someone you know and love has Covid-19 we would like to pray for them. Please email Eda and she will add their name to the prayer list.



This prayer was developed by the Diocesan Standing Committee to pray as the search for our next Bishop progresses:

Gracious and loving God in whom we live and move and have our being, We pray for your guidance and wisdom that we may faithfully follow your calling in our own lives and as we as the Diocese of Milwaukee discern the calling of our twelfth bishop. We give you thanks for the service of Bishop Steven Miller in the life of our diocese and for the blessings that marked his ministry among us. We also pray for his family during this time of transition. We pray for those whom you have called to serve on our Standing, Search, and Transition Committees, and we pray also for those who will respond to your call to enter into discernment with us to be our next bishop. Give us all listening and prayerful hearts for this most important task. This we ask in the name of the One who said, "Come, follow me." Amen.

Prayer for a Time of Pandemic Illness:

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, in this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church and the world. For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic around the world.

For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down and bonds of trust strengthened, to benefit the entire human family.

Grant to our nation and its leaders, public health officials and government the will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY - Please participate in our annual meeting either on Zoom or through conference call. The links and phone information are in the January 27 Newsletter and in your email.

Ecumenical Services - Wednesdays in Lent we will have a special service provided by our ecumenical partners and a service provided by St. Peter's. Please stay tuned for more information.

Devotionals Available - Lenten Devotionals are here! If you would like to pick up a devotional or have us send you a copy, please call or email the office. office@stpetersfort.org

Communion next Sunday - Sunday, February 7 we will celebrate a full Eucharist during our livestream. Mother Mindy will then distribute Holy Communion curbside between 11:30 and 12:30. If you would like Communion, please RSVP to the church, including how many will be in your vehicle. We will then assign you a time to show up and have the host ready to distribute. As always, masks are required and please do not come if you are experiencing any of the current COVID-19 symptoms.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Today, January 31

11:00 AM Virtual Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

6:00 PM Screwtape Letters Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, February 3

6:00 PM All Parish Check-in on Zoom

Sunday, February 7

10:00 AM Sunday Virtual Service on YouTube 5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premiere on YouTube