

The First Lesson

*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 Psalm

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.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*I 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.

Hymn *Thou are the Way, to thee alone*

**H 457**

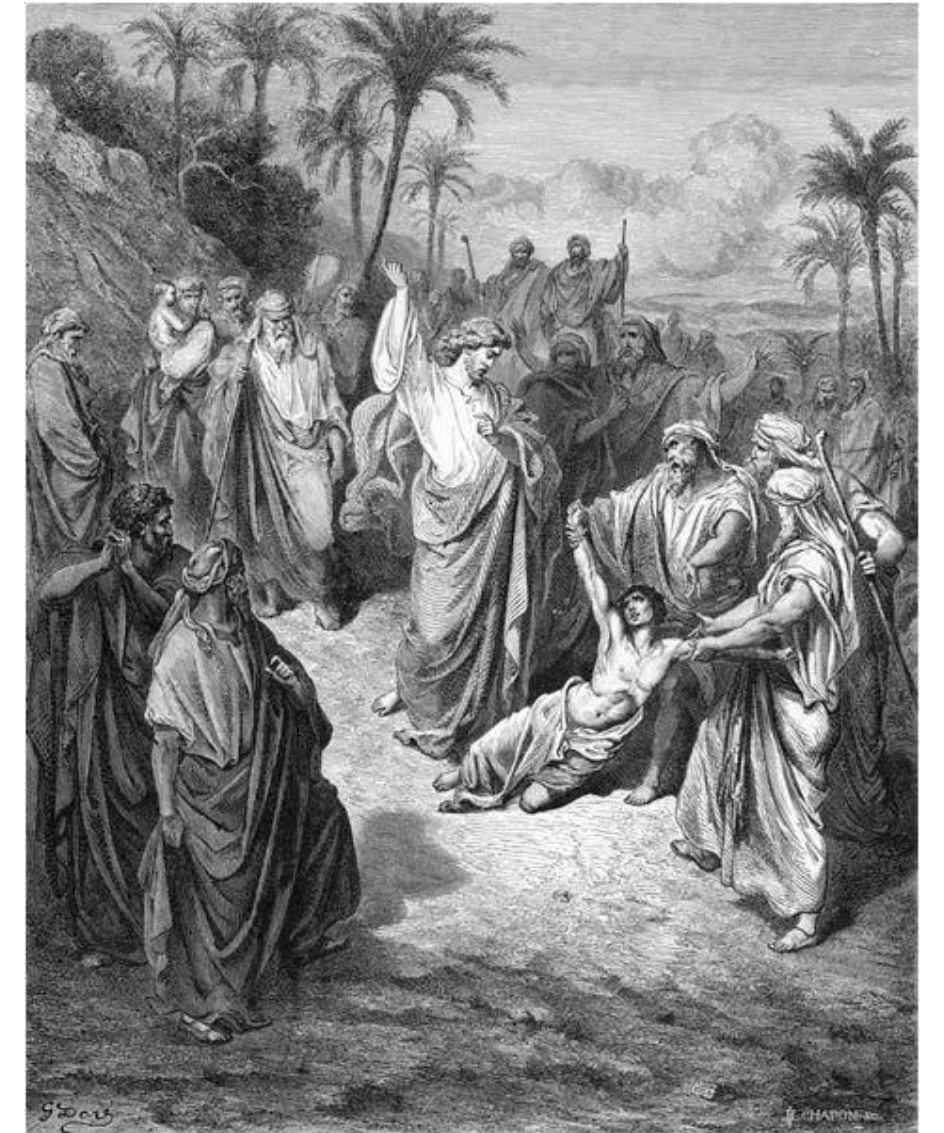
Gospel Lesson

*Mark 1:21-28*

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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

*In God my Faithful God*

Schalk

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Holy Ghost we raise  
Our equal and unceasing praise.

From Hymn 124 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

**BCP 361**

<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S132
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on	BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>		H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

<i>O saving Victim</i>	H 311
<i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	H 339
<i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>	H 448

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

*The Priest blesses the people.*

Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

**H 535**

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte:	Becky Kersey - Becky Beckett - Will Puckett
Chalicer:	Becky Kersey - Becky Beckett
Lector:	Rob Merritt - Becky Beckett
Altar Guild:	Elizabeth Sudduth - Betty Nash - Kay Sudduth

Attendance Last Sunday

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Birthdays This Week: Benjamin Slater and Missy Thomas

The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Mrs. Jay Kephart in memory of her loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour,  
hosted today by the Clement Family.  
This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Edi—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Dawson Family—Joan—Ragen—Nancy—Marion Lowe—Jared Cregger—Peyton Cline and family

Calendar of Events

Sunday – January 28	Parish Life Meeting after Coffee Hour
Friday – February 2	Candlemas Service 6:30pm
Tuesday – February 6	Vestry 7:00pm
Tuesday – February 13	ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 -7:00 pm
Wednesday – February 14	Ash Wed. at St. Mary's 6:00pm
Thursday – February 15	Food Pantry
Wednesday – February 21	Lenten Dinner 6:00pm Carry in

Announcements:

Thank You: We are grateful to Dr. Kipp Cortez for providing our music this morning!

Parish Life Meeting: Will meet January 28<sup>th</sup> after Coffee Hour. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for anyone that's interested in being a member of Parish Life.

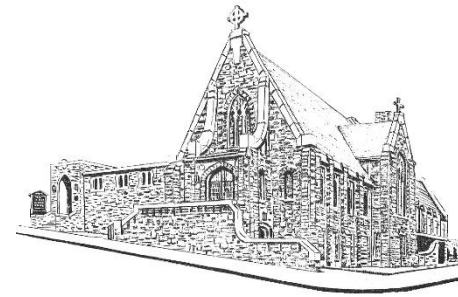
Lenten Dinner: This year's theme will be on Christian spirituality and mindfulness, led by Dr. Assaad Mounzer. Dinner will be carry in or catered as announced. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

ECM Pancake Supper: If you haven't already gotten your tickets please see one of the ECM members. The Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Envelopes: If you requested giving envelopes this year, they're located on the ushers' table.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	Senior Warden
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Thou, whose almighty word* **H 371**

The Service Begins **BCP 355**

Gloria in Excelsis **H-S 280**

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.*