



January 31, 2021  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector  
Joshua Ziemski, Organist

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**10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE 2**

*(All stand as the Officiant enters)*

**Opening Music: #448 "O love how deep how broad how high"**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

***People:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Gloria: # S-280**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Collect of 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.**

**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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

### **The Psalm: 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.**

## **The Second Lesson: 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 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***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

## Sequence Music

### **The Gospel: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord      *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

### **Sermon**

**The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**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.*

### Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name maybe united in  
your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for Ian and Laura our bishops, Ron our priest, Donna our  
deacon and all the presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ,  
and for all the holy people of God.

*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. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week (Bryan David Perkins [1/31], Derek Craig Perkins [1/31]), or anniversaries at this time of isolation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

In our Cycle of Prayer we pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministry in CT.

*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 for Celeste Moore daughter-in-law of Nelson & Marianne Moore; and Les & Joan Hamilton that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We also hold up the people on our prayer list in our bulletin who have asked for continued on-going prayer.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

In this time when the ravages of the COVID virus have accelerated in our own communities we ask you protection on those who have contracted the virus and are battling its effects. We pray especially for the well-being those whom we know and love with the virus including Joan Conley.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Ronald Gallant and Russell Depatie, 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.***

Presider: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP, p. 360**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

***All:* 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 thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

*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**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

## Announcements

### Holy Communion

Offertory Music: #380 "From all that dwell below the skies"

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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. 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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,

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

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.*

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen**

## Communion Music

### Post Communion Prayer

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**All:** 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

**Closing Hymn: #493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”**

### The Dismissal

***People: Thanks be to God.***

### Postlude

#### St. Peter’s Prayer List

**We pray for all those who have died remembering especially Ronald Gallant and Russell Depatie.**

**Continuing Prayer List:** Joan Conley; Les Hamilton; Jeanne Kowalski & her daughter Lizzie; Stephen, Ambrosio Vidal and family, Eileen Doughty, Phil “Chip” Lewis, Bob Kell, Stephen, Kate, Tammy Lopez; Teddi; Sean, Caroline; Russ Boehle, Emma; Janice, Jared and Jenna; Nelson Moore; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Phil & Norm H.; Cole; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Mark & Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, John M., George A., Mark P., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin & son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Daryl Cook; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Ella; Liz; Bill S.; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; John & family; Jeanette Wade; Susan Hicks & family; Jeannette Farren & family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt;

## Announcements

**The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 11:30a.m. via zoom. You can join starting at 11:15a.m. For those of you that are new to this technology logging in early is advised.**

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**The Liturgy Meeting** will be held on zoom on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> 10a.m.

All are welcome to join our zoom **Wednesday Coffee hour** at 10 a,m,

**\*\*Anyone interested in participating in any zoom meeting should email Fr. Ron at [ronkol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronkol@sbcglobal.net) if you haven't received the zoom link already. All meetings are open to guests.**