



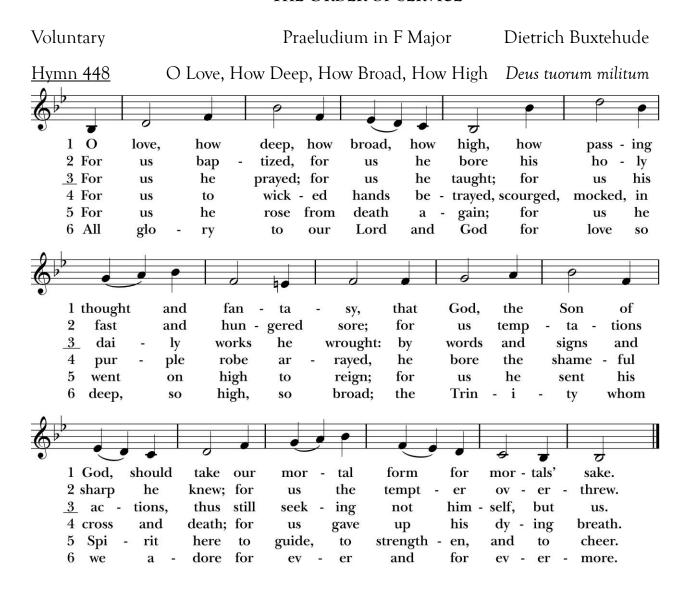
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 28, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST

9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Presider — The Rev. Thomas Szczerba, Jr.
Preacher — The Rev. Emily Given
Organist/Director of Music – Dr. Clair Rozier
Associate Organist/Choir Director - Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

THE ORDER OF SERVICE



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THE WORD OF GOD

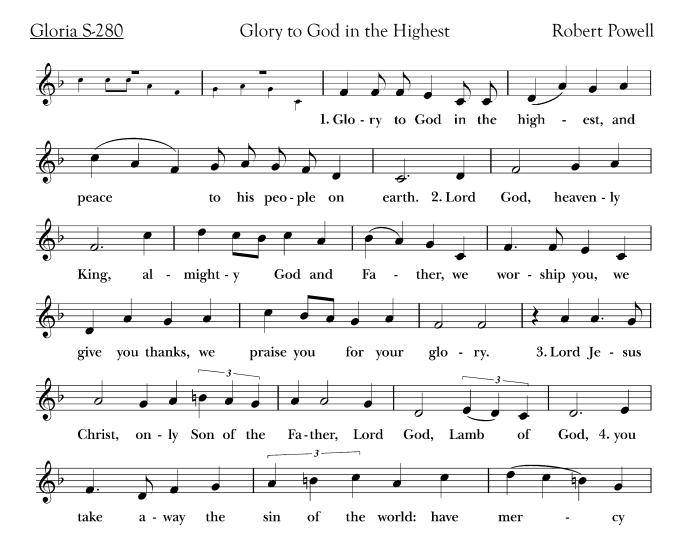
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

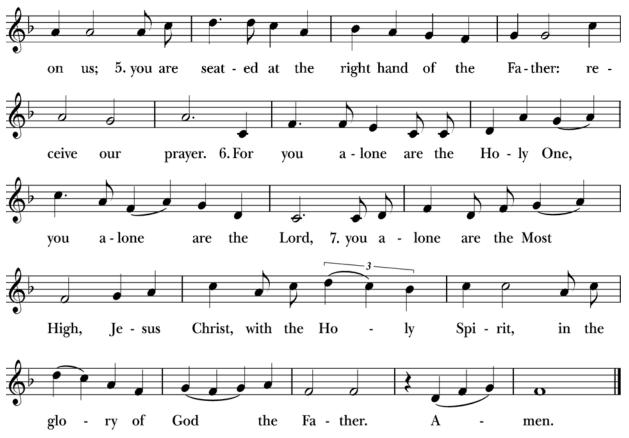
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Presider and People continue

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.





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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 First Reading - 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.

Psalm 111 Read in unison.

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 Reading - 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.



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LM

Children in grade 5 and younger are invited to meet at the back of the sanctuary by the main doors for a children's sermon.

The Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed Read 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

We come before you, Lord, in this season of awe and wonder:

Holy One, we pray for all those afflicted by war, famine and other forms of strife. We remember those suffering from loneliness, addiction and disease. We pray that all humankind may live peacefully, according to the light you sent us, welcoming every stranger and freely sharing all our good things. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for the church and its leaders: Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding Bishop, our Bishop, Daniel, and our clergy at St. David's. We ask your blessing upon the staff and laity of St. David's, and for our partners in ministry in Ardmore, Norristown, Wayne, Philadelphia, Chester, Guatemala, Cuba, Iraq and Uganda. Hear us, Lord.

We also invite your blessings upon the students, staff and teachers of St. David's Episcopal Day School, and for our confirmands and their mentors. **Hear us, Lord.**

We ask your presence with Joe, our president; Josh, our governor; and our elected officials everywhere. May they strive for justice, and serve with wisdom, compassion and mercy. **Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those in our community who suffer in body, mind or spirit, Abbagale, Alicia, Anna, Anne, Bernard, Bill, Bronwyn, Cathy, Catsy, Chad, Courtney, Danny, Daniel, David, Don, Eileen, Elliot, Emmy, Gail, Gavin, Gina, Ginia, Ginny, Ida, Jason, Jerry, Jim, Joan, John, Joseph, Kathy, Larry, Laurie, Lincoln, Marcellus, Margaret, Marie, Mary, Matt,

Maureen, Meghan, Meredith, Michael, Mike, Patti, Paul, Peter, Pierce, Roy, Sada, Sig, Spencer, Susan, Tammy, Trish, Virgie and Wilson. And for Anneliese Hess and Grace Keffer who will receive communion from our Eucharistic Visitors. **Hear us, Lord.**

We remember those who have died this week, *Peter Abel, Ellen Manganaro*, *Kim Lamson-Scribner*. May they know the glory of your eternal life. We also pray for those who grieve. May they know your comfort and peace. **Hear us, Lord.**

Make us grateful, God, for your spirit in our lives and in the world. Inspire our listening and open us to your wisdom and grace. In this season of revelation, help us to imagine the world as it might be, and energize us to walk in your ways. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Make Me An Instrument

Jonathan Willcocks

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, may there be union; where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, let there be hope,

Where there is sadness, may there be joy!

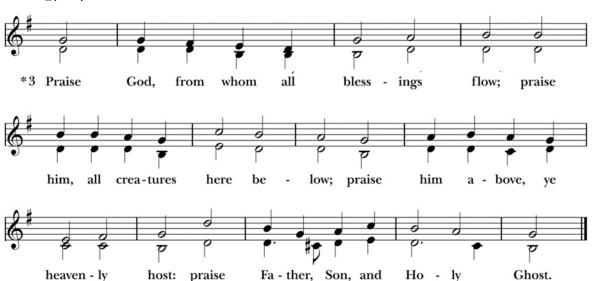
May we all be in peace, and only peace,

and may that peace come unto each of us.

Adult Choir

Doxology Hymn 380 stanza 3

Old Hundredth



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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

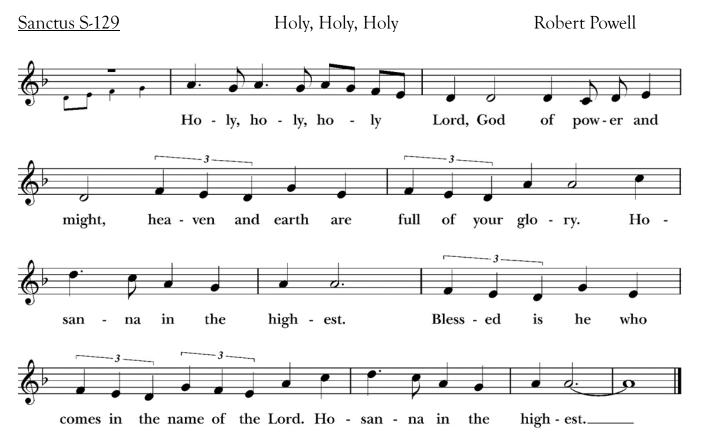
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People



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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People say together,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

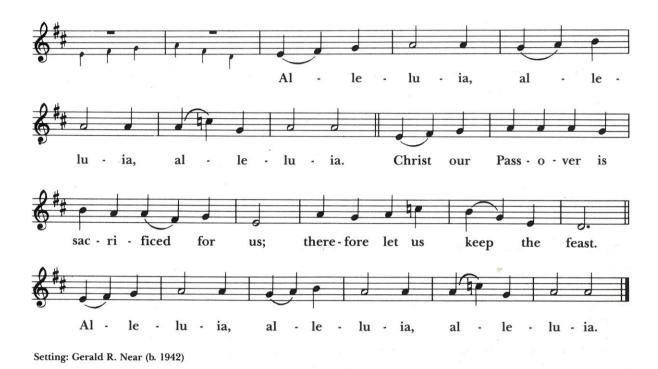
Give us this day our daily bread.

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.



The Presider faces the people and says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

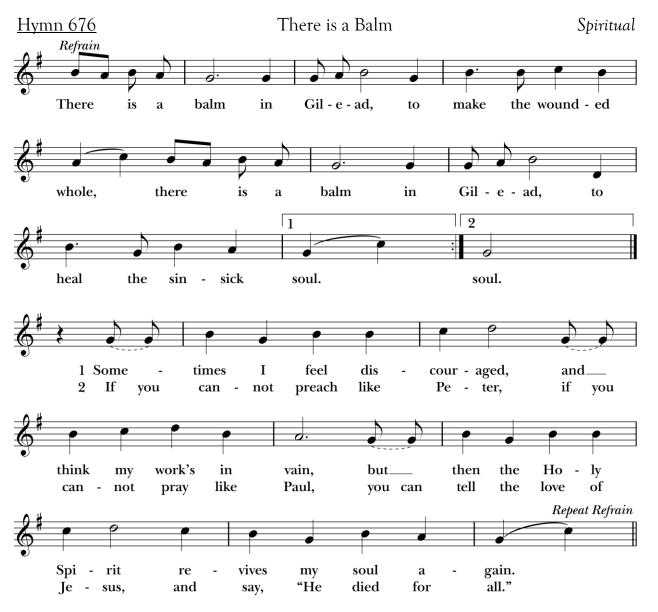
Please come forward to receive communion. You may intinct (dip) the bread, or eat the bread and guide the chalice to drink the wine then return to your pew. If you need gluten-free bread, please let the priest know.

Music at the Communion

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns.



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Please kneel as you are able.

The Sending Prayer for our Eucharistic Visitors

Most gracious God, we send forth your servants bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Amen.

The Post Communion 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.

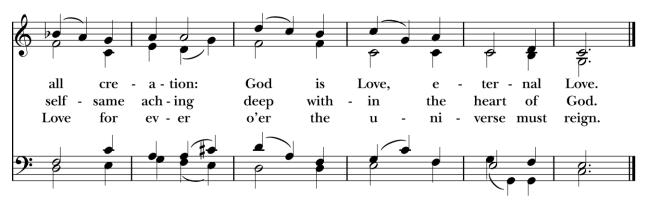
The Rector Transition Prayer

We ask for open hearts and minds as our search for a new rector continues. We ask for the eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to sense your guidance and inspiration. We ask you to help us to imagine as much as think, to listen more than we speak, and to trust the movements of the Holy Spirit throughout this process. We pray for comfort in this time of change; for our friends generously serving on our discernment committee; for the priests we meet through this search; and, gratefully, for Devon, as she leads us in the coming months. Help us, O God, to keep trusting in what we cannot yet see. In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**





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The Sending

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Fantasia on "A Mighty Fortress" Johann Pachelbel

~ LAY ASSISTANTS ~

Lectors/Chalicists—Martin Wilson, John Nagy, Catherine Pinn, Michael Brent Altar Guild—Sandi Endres, Sharon Downs, Nancy Groff, Kim Pittman, Penny Watkins, Liza Whelan

Flower Guild—Nancy Morris (Church) Rachael Stube, Lynn Crawford (Chapel) Verger—Amanda Parkinson

Eucharistic Visitors—Jamie Arnold, Sandy Arnold Acolytes—David Martin, Sawyer Payne, Brynn Myers, Vanessa Greeters—Tracey Smith, Molly Zonino, Margot Walker

~ MEMORIALS ~

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Kenneth C. Dewey, 1961-2019
Bruce Whiting Brown, Jr., 1925-2002
Marian Neall Brown
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Florence Birch McElroy, 1906-2008
William Maxwell Scott Jr., 1904-1991
Florance Jenkins Scott, 1900-1995
Claire S. Garnett
Percy E. Garnett
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