



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Called to Be... A Safe Place for All of God's People!

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PRELUDE	Recit de Chromhorne Dialogue sur les grands jeux	François Couperin (1668-1733)
OPENING HYMN	#372 in <i>The Hymnal</i> (blue book) Praise to the living God!	<i>Leoni</i>

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book).

The Word of God

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in excelsis Deo*
The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, **S 280**.

Robert Powell

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

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

The people sit.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

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.

Epistle: 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.**

Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN #523 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Glorious things of thee are spoken

Abbot's Leigh

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

They 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, throwing him into convulsions 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.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed, page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Prayers of the People, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

Confession of Sin, page 360 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Peace, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #625 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

Doxology (sung)

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 125.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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 service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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Post Communion Prayer, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

CLOSING HYMN

#690 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra (*Rejoice in God All the Earth*)

Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.
(1637-1707)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

HUB (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*)

The HUB could use your financial support. Checks marked "HUB" may be mailed to the church office, 316 N El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202.

Visit by Bishop David Rice for Confirmation. Sunday, March 4, 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist.

Recovery International (RI) Stockton Group Meetings

RI gives people the tools to lead more peaceful and productive lives. It offers a cognitive behavioral training method (CBT) developed by the late psychiatrist Dr. Abraham A. Low. (*Mental health through will training.*) For over 80 years, this method has helped members learn to identify and manage negative thoughts, feelings, beliefs and behaviors that can lead to emotional distress and related physical symptoms. RI helps people manage Anger, Depression, Fears, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder, Stress, Panic Attacks, Schizophrenia, and more. RI groups are led by trained and experienced non-professionals. The Stockton Group is led by Todd Bagley and Brother Dunstan. All are welcome to attend, free of charge. Please help spread the word! Brochures are available from Todd and Br. Dunstan. Meetings every Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM, in the office conference room.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

Did you know? *Central Valley North Narcotics Anonymous* meetings are held in St. John's Parish Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings, 7:00-8:30. For more information, call, email, or see the website. (209) 464-9262
cvnna.webservant@gmail.com Meeting Schedule for all of Stockton: www.centralvalleynorthna.org/meetings/stockton/

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Stockton's historic Episcopal Church, founded in 1850 on land donated by Captain Weber, the founder of Stockton.

Part of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

The Rt. Rev. David C. Rice, Bishop
The Rev. Linda Huggard, Priest
The Rev. Steve Bentley, Deacon
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Church Message Phone: (209) 466-6916, or call the HUB when it's open. See below.

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