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All Saints' Episcopal Church

610 4th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021 • 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Paul Bennett, Pastor

Morning Prayer Rite II

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Opening Sentence

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

BCP 79 • The Confession of Sin

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.

BCP 80 • The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80 • Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **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. Alleluia.**

Venite *Sung by all*

Duke Street

**O come and sing unto the Lord, And in his saving strength rejoice,
Come now before him giving thanks, And raise glad psalms with every voice.**

**The Lord is great, above all gods; The earth, the hills are in his hand;
The sea is his and he made it, His hands prepared all the dry land.**

**Come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before our Maker's throne;
We are the people of his field, the sheep whom he has made his own.**

**O let the whole earth stand in awe of God arrayed in holiness;
He cometh yet to judge the world, to judge with truth and righteousness.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom earth and heav'n adore.
Be glory, as it was of old, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.**

Psalms 111 *chanted by the cantor*

*Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.*

*Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.*

*His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.*

*He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.*

He gives food to those who fear him; *
 he is ever mindful of his covenant.
 He has shown his people the power of his works *
 in giving them the lands of the nations.
 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.
 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his Name.
 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever. *Gloria Patri*

The Lessons

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.**

Canticle 16 *Song of Zechariah (metrical); sung by all*

Morning Light

***Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
 he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.***

***The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
 God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.***

***He from the house of David a child of grace has given;
 a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.***

***Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,
 the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.***

***On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
 the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.***

***He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
 O bless our God and Savior, with songs that never cease.***

***All Glory to the Father and Glory to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One,
 till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
 ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.***

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.**

Canticle 7 *Te Deum laudamus* (metrical); sung by all

Azmon

**O God, we praise thee, and confess that thou the only Lord
And everlasting Father art, by all the earth adored.**

**To thee all angels cry aloud; to thee the pow'rs on high,
Both cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry:**

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, whom heav'nly hosts obey,
The world is with the glory filled of thy majestic sway!**

**The apostles' glorious company, and prophets crowned with light
With all the martyrs' noble host, thy constant praise recite.**

**The holy Church in faith acclaims the Son who for us died,
Also the Holy Comforter, our advocate and guide.**

The Third 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily *The Rev. Paul A. Bennett*

Announcements

BCP 96 • The Apostles' Creed *Standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

BCP 97 • The Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 97 • The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

**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.**

BCP 97 • Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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.**

Office Hymn 530

"Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank

**Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;**

**Word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;**

**Word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;**

**Word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.**

**Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.**

Prayers of the People Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

BCP 101 • The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

BCP 102 • A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BCP 102 • The Dismissal and Grace

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Standing Committee Invites Participation in Diocesan-wide Survey

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As part of our work during this transition time leading to the search and call of our next bishop, the Standing Committee invites your participation in a diocesan-wide survey. This will help us understand the health of our diocese and assess our immediate and long-term needs.

We have heard from some people who believe we must proceed as quickly as possible into the search for our next bishop. Others have told us they believe our diocese has serious challenges which must be addressed before we can begin the search. Still others have said that we can proceed forward deliberately as long as we attend to our challenges and needs. This survey will give us some data to guide our work. Once the survey is complete, we will host listening sessions to gather the kind of stories that cannot be collected in a survey. We have contracted with Holy Cow! Consulting in preparing the survey, and they will also lead the listening sessions. They are experienced consultants who have guided over 50 Episcopal dioceses through bishop transitions.

The survey will be open from today until Wednesday, February 10. Once the survey closes, listening sessions will be held in the late winter and early spring. With this information, we will be able to craft a timeline for the work that must be done to successfully call and elect our next bishop.

Here is the link to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioceseofSOhio>

If there are people in your congregation who would like to take the survey but who do not have internet access, you may print out a PDF copy of the survey in English or Spanish. **[PLEASE CONTACT THE ALL SAINTS' OFFICE AND WE WILL EMAIL YOU THE PDF VERSION OF THE SURVEY.]**

Please mail completed paper surveys to the diocesan office (412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202) to arrive by February 3.

Please share the links widely within our diocese. Kindly share in newsletters, social media, bulletins, or any other channel of communication. It is important that we have wide participation across the whole diocese geographically, but also with our full diversity of race, age, economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, and so on.

We know that many people are eager to know the roadmap which will show us the path to calling and electing our next bishop. Believe us, no one is more eager to hand over the reins of leadership than your Standing Committee! However, we want to make sure we have the right process given who we are and where we are going. This survey and the subsequent listening sessions will be essential in helping us craft a process that is neither too hasty nor too slow. We will share results from the survey not long after it is complete, and we will provide a summary of our findings from the listening sessions. Our goal is to have a search process that is transparent and clear for all.

In this Epiphany season, we encourage you to seek Jesus in your own life and in the world around us. And let us all share the glad news of our redemption in Christ Jesus our Lord with a world in need of hope, mercy, and grace. We are,

Yours faithfully,

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

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