



**January 31, 2021 at 10 a.m.**  
Liturgy of the Word for the  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Welcome to Christ Church!**

*Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook](#).*

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



*Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches*

## Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#).

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## Prelude for Organ

Archangel Suite: III.

Raphael Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

## Hymn 533

How wondrous and great thy works

Tune: Lyons

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed* Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

## The Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Celebrant** 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## Confession of Sin

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**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 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.

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**All** 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 First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Lector** 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.”

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 111**

*Psalter for the Christian People, p. 154*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

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.**

Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the LORD, \*

**whose righteousness endures for ever.**

Gracious and full of compassion is the LORD, \*

**whose marvelous works to be remembered.**

The LORD gives food to the God-fearing, \*

**ever mindful of the covenant.**

The LORD has shown the chosen people works of power \*

**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The hands of the LORD work faithfulness and justice; \*

**all the commandments of the LORD are sure.**

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

**because they are done in truth and equity.**

The LORD sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the covenant for ever; \*

**holy and awesome is the name of the LORD.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*

**those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the LORD endures for ever.**

## **The Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

**Lector** 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.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 443**

From God Christ's deity came forth

Tune: *Salem Harbor*



1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -  
 2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -  
 3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who  
 4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his  
 5 Who then, my Lord, com - pares with you? The Watch - er slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his  
 2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his  
 3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - jice but  
 4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and  
 5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.  
 2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.  
 3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.  
 4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.  
 5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

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**The Gospel**

Mark 1:21-28

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

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

**Celebrant** 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.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

*A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

*Please stand as comfortable, and able.*

**All**

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**

adapted from Times and Seasons, The Church of England

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Intercessor** We pray for the coming of God's kingdom. You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Holy One, by your Spirit

**People** bring in your kingdom.

**Intercessor** Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Holy One, by your Spirit

**People** bring in your kingdom.

**Intercessor** Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. Holy One, by your Spirit

**People** bring in your kingdom.

**Intercessor** Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. Holy One, by your Spirit

**People** bring in your kingdom.

**Intercessor** Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. Holy One, by your Spirit

**People** bring in your kingdom.

**Celebrant** Holy One, use us, just as we are, to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son, that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**All**

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.**

## Offertory Sentence

**Officiant** O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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## Offertory Anthem

Covenant of Thy Steadfast Love

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Christ Church Quartet

*O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in heaven or on earth; who keeps his covenant, and showeth mercy to his servants who walk before him with all their hearts. May thine eyes be opened on this house day and night, upon the place where thou hast put thy name; to hearken to the prayer which thy servant prayeth in this place.*

## A General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 836*

**All** Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

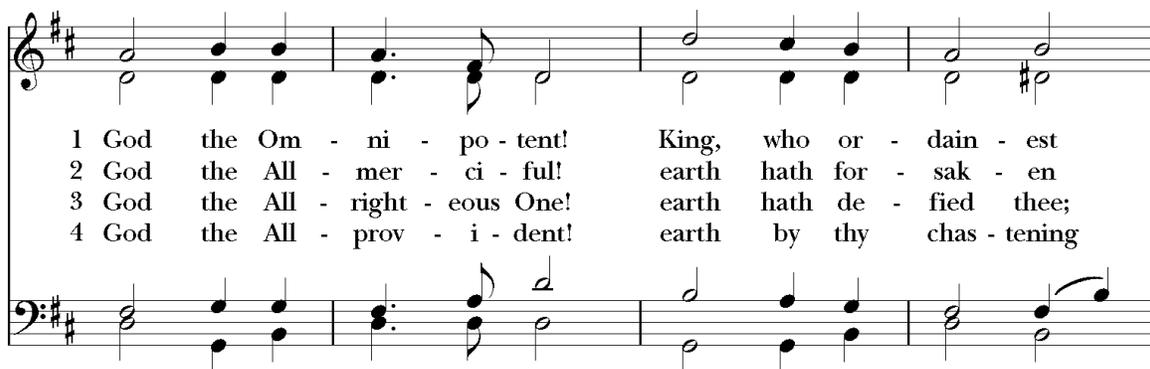
We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

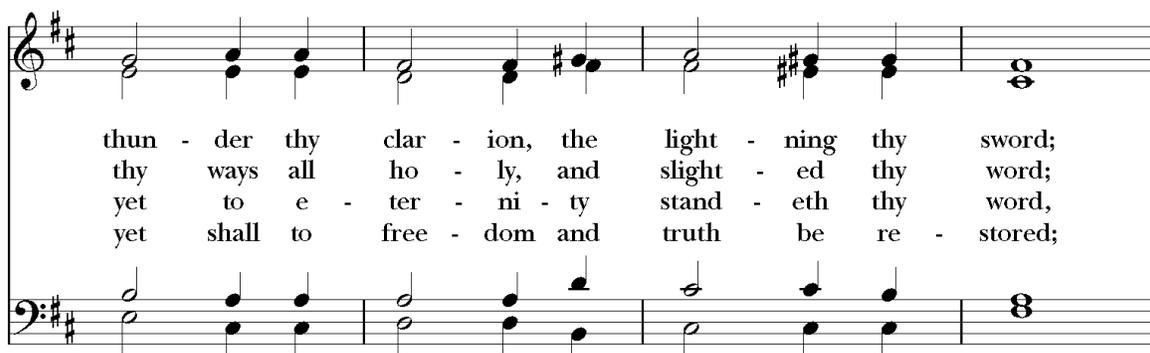
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

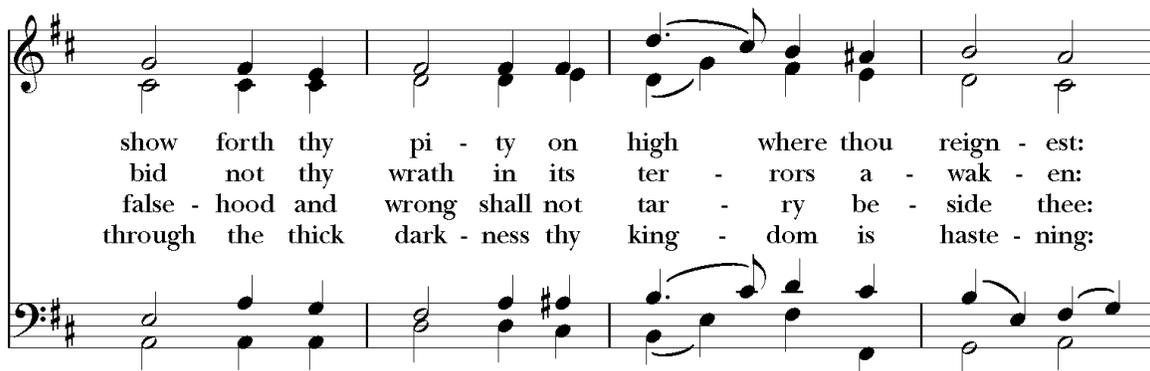
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.



1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est  
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en  
 3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;  
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening



thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;  
 thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;  
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,  
 yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;



show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:  
 bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:  
 through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:



give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; sts. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Russia*, Alexis Lvov (1799-1870)

**Concluding Blessing**

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**Officiant**

May Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of the Divine glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of God's kingdom; and the blessing God almighty—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**Organ Postlude**

Triptych for Organ: I. Overture

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

**Prayers of the People**

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston); Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston); and Veterans Ministries.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the First Baptist Church and Needham Firefighters.

Your prayers are requested for Gene, Margaret B. and family, Sharon, Tom C., Bob P., Marian G., Jeff M., Martin W., Richard, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Jim, Linda, Sara Y., Carol M., Jenny, Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, Linda F., and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

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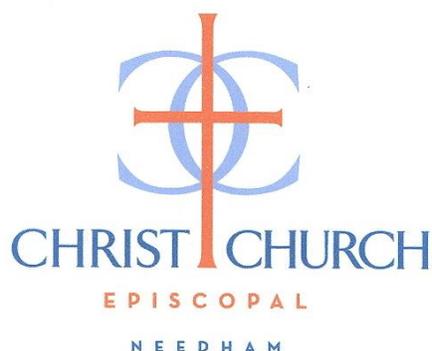
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