



Welcome to St. George's
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer on-line Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others. Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:
Prayers-Susan

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:27am.

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.





THE FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
AN ONLINE SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER

Sunday, January 31, 2021
10:30am

PRELUDE

Prélude (Op.31, No. 5)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Played by *Pierre Labric*





Opening Responsories

Officiant: Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching and healing every disease. (*Matthew 4: 23*)

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips

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

Officiant: Visit us with your salvation

***People:* and grace us with your sustaining Spirit.**

***People:* 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.

Collect for purity:

Officiant: Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Officiant: Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN 384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty





Psalm 111

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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 splendour, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvellous 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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.**

New Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians
(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: Acclamons la Parole du Seigneur.

People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

A moment of silence is observed.

HYMN 559
Blessed Jesus, At Your Word



A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (Mark 1: 21-28)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.

Homily: The Rev. Karen Egan



Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant: I believe in God,

People: 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.

HYMN 649
Breathe on Me, Breath of God
TUNE: Carlisle





The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to the Father through Christ our light and life.

Prayers for the church are offered.

Leader: Father,
your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light ...

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Leader: Let us pray for all nations,
that they may receive the word of truth and life.

Prayers for the world are offered

Leader: Father,
your Christ in the Temple brings judgement on the world:
look in mercy on the nations who long for his justice ...
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who who are sick and suffering from all walks of life.

We pray for those who have asked us for our prayers

*During the silence, please add your requests aloud,
or in the silence of your own hearts.*

Leader: Father,
your Christ, who was rich, for our sake became poor:
look in mercy on all who are in need
and those who suffer with him ...
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We pray for those who have died
The names of those who have died are offered
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

***All:* And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

***All:* Amen.**

Leader: Father,
your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:
look in mercy on the whole Church,
which glories in your salvation ...
Lord, have mercy.

***All:* Lord, have mercy. Amen**



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

HYMN 455

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind





Blessing

Priest: Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, who was wounded for our sins, that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



POSTLUDE

Allegro

(Trio Sonata No. 1, Third Movement - BWV 525)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Played by *Simon Preston*

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Announcements

- For information email or call the church office
(office@st-georges.org) or 514-866-7113)
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Vestry Meeting scheduled for February 28th after the service on zoom.
Vestry Reports due February 14th.
- Exploring the History of Black Canadians- Tuesdays 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9 from 7:30-9:00pm on Zoom.
Please contact Rev. Debbie to register for the course or for more information
(d.noonan@st-georges.org).
- Rev. Holly's Lenten Study on the book Remembering your Death.
(spirituality@st-georges.org)

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