



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

### The Collect for Purity

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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.**

### Kyrie eleison

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### The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: 1 Corinthians (13:1—13)

*The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1049*

#### Commentary:

*Paul had been instructing the Corinthians regarding spiritual gifts and now he came to the heart of the matter, reminding them that the most impressive gifts were meaningless unless they were motivated by love. Apparently the Corinthian view of 'spiritual' meant tongues, prophecy, and knowledge, mixed with a large helping of pride. To Paul, 'spiritual' meant, first of all, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The ultimate expression of that filling is to walk in love, which means actively seeking the benefit of someone else. Paul reminded his readers that Christian love lasts forever, while the gifts so highly prized in Corinth will pass away.*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham.

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr; Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
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