

Christ Episcopal Church Dublin, Georgia



“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

[Mark 1:24 ~ NRSV]

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2009

10:30 am

The Very Rev. Louis O. Miller, Jr.
Rector

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

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[We welcome all children. Nevertheless, when a child's restlessness and discomfort becomes distracting, as a courtesy to others and the comfort of the child, please take the child to the nursery on the second floor of the parish hall. There is an attendant on duty. Thank you.]

Prelude

Processional Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing".....Hymnal 493

Opening Acclamation.....BCP p. 355

Gloria.....Hymnal S-280

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.*

Moses reassures the people that after his death, God will raise up another prophet to lead them.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 111 Page 754, BCP.....*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.

Paul warns believers against becoming vain about their knowledge. He declares that all they really need to know is that they are loved by God.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

The Sequence Hymn

"Tell Out, My Soul"Hymnal 437, Verses 1-2

Jesus acts with authority, backing up his teaching by healing a man troubled by an unclean spirit.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Holy Gospel.....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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Sequence Hymn

“Tell Out, My Soul”.....Hymnal 437, Verses 3-4

The Sermon.....The Very Rev. Louis O. Miller, Jr.

The Nicene Creed.....BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV.....BCP, p. 388

The Confession..... BCP, p. 360

The Absolution.....BCP, p. 360

Commissioning of the Vestry for 2009

(Vestry, Wardens, Treasurer, and Clerk come to the Altar Rail)

Senior Warden:

I present to you these persons to be admitted
the ministry of Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk, and
Members of the Vestry Members of Christ
Episcopal Church.

Antiphon

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

V. I am your servant; grant me understanding:

R. That I may know your decrees.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage; Enlighten with your grace the Wardens, Vestry, Treasurer, and

Clerk of this Congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and this congregation, I commission you, Tom McCain, as Senior Warden, you Marshall Jackson, as Junior Warden, you Kristi Shradar as Treasurer; you Rhonda King as Clerk; and you Bill Colson, Craig Gannaway, Ken Shradar, Bill Steele, Jimmy Vaughn, and Karen West as Vestrypersons in this Parish.

The Peace..... BCP, p. 360
Offertory
The Doxology
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B.....BCP, p. 367
The Sanctus.....Hymnal No. S-130
The Prayers of Consecration.....BCP, p. 373
The Lord’s Prayer.....BCP, p. 364
The Breaking of Bread.....BCP, p. 364
The Ministration of Communion.....BCP, p. 366

We cordially invite all Baptized persons to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at our altar rail. (Those who do not wish to receive, but who desire a blessing may kneel at the altar rail with arms folded across the chest.)

Communion Hymn

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness”Hymnal 339

Postcommunion Prayer.....BCP, p. 366

Recessional Hymn

“Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days of Old”Hymnal 567

The Dismissal

Postlude

Clergy.....The Very Rev. Louis O. Miller, Jr.
Lector.....Patricia Belcher
Lay Eucharistic Minister.....Ken Shradar
Altar Guild.....Gail Edgar, Mary Anne Miller & Kim Garnto
Ushers.....Bill Edgar & Marshall Jackson
Acolytes Scheduled.....Destiny Downard,
Johnathan McCain, Josh McCain, Colson Shradar, Ken Shradar
Oblations.....Jimmy & Pat Vaughn
Organist.....Karen West

This week we lift up our prayers for:

John Bell IV, Ellen Adams, Anne Childers, Spc. Michael Moore, Emily Phillips, Mark Plummer, Judy Tillery, Dottie Easterday, Ann Hall, Jimmy Hall, prisoners at Dodge State Prison, Elizabeth Baylor, Bill Peterson, Liam Harrison, Chaela Downard, Jeff Jackson, Maryan Harris, Pat Belcher, Kathy Bailey, Donald King, Ethan LaForme, Erica Nelson, Carl Plummer, Catherine Cumpsty, Tom Almeter, Wilma Walker, Sandra Stokes, Charles Stokes, Mary-Michael Futch, Lillian Durden, Marcia Hughes, Alex Murphy, Cole Raffield, Sidney Price, Kristen Price, Rebecca Brooks, Marshall Jackson, Joe Forness, Andrea Burger, Donovan Kicklighter-Crabb, Austin Burger, Hodges C. Manross, Jacki Sanders, Wendell Zeigler, and Gail Edgar.

If you or someone you know needs to be placed on or removed from our prayer list, please call The Church Office (272-3003) by Wednesday.

Vestry:

Tom McCain, Sr. Warden; Marshall Jackson, Jr. Warden; Kristi Shradar, Treasurer; Rhonda King, Clerk; Bill Colston, Craig Gannaway, Ken Shradar, Billy Steele, Jimmy Vaughn, Karen West

Jack Childers, Sexton

Episcopal Dictionary

Canterbury, Archbishop of: Primate of all England, metropolitan of the province of Canterbury, and head of the Church of England. The Archbishop of Canterbury serves as the spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion and resides in the see city of the province of Canterbury and at Lambeth Palace in England.

canticle: From the Latin *canticulum*, “little song,” a song based on biblical texts that follows the first and second lessons at Morning and Evening Prayer, such as the *Te Deum*, the Song of Moses, the *Magnificat*, and the *Nunc Dimittis*. In Anglican worship the canticles function as responses to the appointed scripture readings.

cantor: Originally one who sang the psalms between the lesson in the Liturgy of the Word. Today the cantor may read the psalm responsively with the congregation and lead it through a long sung text, such as the Great Litany, the *Exesultet*, or parts of the passion gospels.

cassock: Long neck-to-ankle vestment that is the basic item of clerical attire. The color is black for priests and deacons and purple for bishops; archdeacons also wear purple. At one time cassocks were the ordinary street clothing for clergy; now they are worn with surplices for the daily office and for taking part in the Eucharist when one is not among the chief ministers. The Anglican cassock is double-breasted and fastens only at the shoulders, while the Roman cassock is single-breasted and buttons all the way down the front. Both are usually worn with a sash or cincture at the waist. Cassocks may also be worn by lay persons taking part in the Eucharist or the daily offices when functioning as lay Eucharistic Ministers, Masters of Ceremonies, or readers.

cassock-alb: Vestment that combines the color of the alb (white or natural) with the cut and material of the cassock. It may be worn under a chasuble at the Eucharist and comes with either a high collar or a hood at the neck that takes the place of the amice.

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Announcements

Schedule this Week (February 1 - February 7)

TODAY

11:30 Pot luck

6:00 Super Bowl Party

MONDAY

7:00 Choir

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Mid-Week Healing Service

7:30 ECW Meeting

7:30 EYC Meeting

Remember our shut-ins: Ellen Adams and Emily Phillips.

We welcome all visitors. There is a fellowship hour following the service in Walke Parish Hall. Join us.

The Diocesan Annual Convention will be February 5-7 in Albany. Delegates to the Convention this year are Craig Gannaway; Mary Anne Miller; and Bonnie McMullan. The Alternate is Jim McMullan.

Souper Bowl of Caring

This year marks a special even for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This afternoon, it will have been 20 years since the youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC addressed the issue of hunger in their community with this Super Bowl Sunday prayer:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

The prayer inspired this single church to invite 21 other congregations to join them in collecting \$5,700, which was donated to local charities that provide assistance to those in need.

Over the past 20 years, more than \$50 million has been raised in cash and food for organizations that fight hunger. From a simple prayer and a single youth group, the Souper Bowl of Caring has become a powerful nationwide movement that touches more lives each year.

Be part of this movement that begins in our own backyard and reaches across the nation, sharing God’s love with those who need our compassion and care. Please give generously as our youth collect donations on this afternoon at the Super Bowl Party in the Parish Hall. Every penny or can of food collected will go to help our neighbors in need.

The new Day-by-Day books for February/March/April are now available in the Narthex of the church. Please feel free to take one.

Banns of Marriage

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Ricks Johnson and Gayle Mertz of this Parish. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. This is the second time of asking.

Attendance for Last 4 Services			
Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
47	49	51	65

Last Sunday’s Collections

General Fund.....\$1,275



"To Make Christ Known in Our Lives and in the Lives of Others"

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