***“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”***

**Introit Hymn – 373**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing

my dear Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears

that bids our sorrows cease;

'tis music in the sinner's ears,

'tis life and health and peace.

3 He speaks, and listening to his voice,

new life the dead receive,

the mournful broken hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe.

4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,

your loosened tongues employ;

ye blind, behold, your Saviour come;

and leap, ye lame, for joy!

5 My gracious master and my God,

assist me to proclaim

and spread through all the earth abroad

the honours of thy name.

**Leader:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for**

**ever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in

Your name and in fellowship with one another.

Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of

praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond

to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and

your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may

worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living

sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this

Holy Sacrament. Amen.

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****.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

***Leader:*** The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

***Celebrant:*** Let us pray.

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:**

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.**

[1st Reading **– Deuteronomy 18:15-20**](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=63)

**Psalm 111**

**Antiphon**

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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 [con]-gregation.

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 en-[dures] forever.

4 **He makes his marvelous works to [be] remembered;\***

**the Lord is gracious and [full of] compassion.**

***Antiphon***

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom***

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 com-[mandments] 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] forever;\*

holy and awesome [is] his name.

10 **The fear of the Lord is the be-[ginning] of wisdom;\***

**those who act accordingly have a good understanding. …**

**His praise en-[dures] forever.**

***Antiphon***

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom***

[2nd Reading – **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=63)

**Gradual Hymn – MP 258**

1 Jesus, the name high over all,

in hell, or earth, or sky:

angels and men before it fall,

and devils fear and fly.

2 Jesus, the name to sinners dear,

the name to sinners given;

it scatters all their guilty fear,

it turns their hell to heaven.

3 Jesus, the prisoner's fetters breaks,

and bruises Satan's head;

power into strengthless souls he speaks,

and life into the dead.

4 O that the world might taste and see

the riches of his grace!

The arms of love that compass me

would all mankind embrace.

5 His only righteousness I show,

his saving grace proclaim:

'Tis all my business here below

to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

6 Happy, if with my latest breath

I might but gasp his name;

preach him to all, and cry in death:

'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

[Gospel – Mark 1:21-28](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=63)

**Hymn of Preparation**

Lord, Your truth cannot be chained;

it searches everything –

my secrets, my desires.

Your word is like a hammer and a fire –

it breaks, it purifies:

so let Your Spirit shine into my heart

and teach me;

***open up my eyes, with truth to free me,***

***light to chase the lies.***

***Lord Jesus, let me meet You in Your word;***

***Lord Jesus, let me meet You in Your word.***

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

**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 in Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation**

**He came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He was born of the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified**

**under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered died and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again**

**in fulfilment of 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.**

**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 – Form G**](http://www.anglican.bb/~stthomas/IntercessionG.htm)

**Act of Confession**

**Leader:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves

and the truth is not in us. If we confess our

sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive

our sins and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness.

*Silence*

Let us therefore confess out sins

**All: Almighty God our heavenly Father we**

**have sinned against and one another, in**

**thought, word, and deed, and in what we**

**have left undone. We are sorry and we**

**repent of all our sins. For your Son, Jesus**

**Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past,**

**and grant that we may serve you in**

**newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

**Amen.**

**Leader**: Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and

Deliver you from all your sins. Confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness and keep you

in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Leader:** We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit

we were all baptized into one Body, and have

all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**All: Let us then pursue the things that make**

**for peace and build up the common life.**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Let there be peace on earth**

**And let it begin with me**

**Let there be peace on earth**

**The peace that was meant to be**

**With God as our Father**

**Brothers all are we**

**Let me walk with my brother**

**In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me**

**Let this be the moment now**

**With ev’ry step I take**

**Let this be my solemn vow**

**To take each moment and live each moment**

**In peace eternally**

**Let there peace on earth**

**And let it begin with me**

**Offertory Hymns – 729**

1 Christ is our cornerstone,

on him alone we build;

with his true saints alone

the courts of heaven are filled:

on his great love

our hopes we place

of present grace

and joys above.

2 O then with hymns of praise

these hallowed courts shall ring;

our voices we will raise

the Three in One to sing;

and thus proclaim

in joyful song

both loud and long

that glorious name.

3 Here, gracious Lord, do thou

for evermore draw nigh;

accept each faithful vow,

and mark each suppliant sigh:

in copious shower

on all who pray,

each holy day

thy blessings pour.

4 Here may we gain from heaven

the grace which we implore;

and may that grace, once given,

be with us evermore,

until that day

when all the blest

to endless rest

are called away.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Father, we offer to you these gifts which you have**

**given us; this bread this wine this money. With**

**them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work,**

**to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable,**

**holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine**

**become the body and blood of Christ, so may we**

**and all your people become channels of your love;**

**through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and**

**praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and

every‑where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,

Everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He

revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out

of darkness into His own marvelous light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels

and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,

who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of

your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Eucharistic Prayer (**[**7:00 a.m.**](http://www.anglican.bb/~stthomas/EucharisticPrayerE.htm) **or** [**9:15 a.m**.](http://www.anglican.bb/~stthomas/EucharisticPrayerC.htm)**)**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of Bread**

Leader: We break this bread to share in the Body of

Christ.

**All: Though we are many we are one body**

**Because we share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:**

**Grant us peace.**

Leader: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and**

**we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

**Communion Hymns – 253, 845, 210, 840 & 251**

**Hymn 253**

1 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

in a believer's ear!

it soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,

and drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,

and calms the troubled breast;

'tis manna to the hungry soul,

and to the weary, rest.

3 Dear Name! The rock on which I build,

my shield and hiding-place,

my never-failing treasury filled

with boundless stores of grace.

4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,

my Prophet, Priest and King,

my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,

accept the praise I bring.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart,

and cold my warmest thought;

but when I see thee as thou art,

I'll praise thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would thy love proclaim

with every fleeting breath;

and may the music of thy name

refresh my soul in death.

**Hymn 845**

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,

give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son *(Repeat)*

***And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong,’***

***let the poor say, ‘I am rich,’***

***because of what the Lord has done for us; give thanks. (Repeat)***

**Hymn 210**

1 Father of heaven, whose love profound

a ransom for our souls hath found,

before thy throne we sinners bend;

to us thy pardoning love extend.

2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,

our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,

before thy throne we sinners bend;

to us thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath

the soul is raised from sin and death,

before thy throne we sinners bend;

to us thy quickening power extend.

4 Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;

mysterious Godhead, Three in One,

before thy throne we sinners bend,

grace, pardon, life to us extend.

**Hymn 840**

1 Be still,

for the presence of the Lord,

the Holy One, is here;

come bow before Him now

with reverence and fear:

in Him no sin is found –

we stand on holy ground.

Be still,

for the presence of the Lord,

the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still,

for the glory of the Lord

is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire,

with splendour He is crowned:

how awesome is the sight –

our radiant King of light!

Be still,

for the glory of the Lord

is shining all around.

3 Be still,

for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place:

He comes to cleanse and heal,

to minister His grace –

no work too hard for Him.

In faith receive from Him.

Be still,

for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place.

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**Hymn 251**

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,

great David's greater Son!

Hail, in the time appointed,

his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,

to set the captive free,

to take away transgression,

and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succour speedy

to those who suffer wrong;

to help the poor and needy,

and bid the weak be strong;

to give them songs for sighing,

their darkness turn to light,

whose souls, condemned and dying,

were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers

upon the fruitful earth;

and love, joy, hope, like flowers,

spring in his path to birth:

before Him on the mountains,

shall peace, the herald, go;

and righteousness in fountains

from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him,

and gold and incense bring;

all nations shall adore Him,

his praise all people sing;

to him shall prayer unceasing

and daily vows ascend,

his kingdom still increasing,

a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,

he on His Throne shall rest;

from age to age more glorious,

all-blessing and all-blest:

The tide of time shall never

his covenant remove;

his name shall stand for ever,

his changeless name of Love.

**Blessing of the Children – 230 & 247**

**Hymn 230**

1 Firmly I believe and truly

God is Three, and God is One;

and I next acknowledge duly

Manhood taken by the Son.

2 And I trust and hope most fully

in that Manhood crucified;

and each thought and deed unruly

do to death, as he has died.

3 Simply to his grace and wholly

light and life and strength belong,

and I love supremely, solely,

him the holy, him the strong.

4 And I hold in veneration,

for the love of him alone,

holy church as his creation,

and her teachings are his own.

5 Adoration aye be given,

with and through the angelic host,

to the God of earth and heaven,

Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**Hymn 247**

1 At the name of Jesus

every knee shall bow,

every tongue confess him

King of Glory now:

'tis the Father's pleasure

we should call him Lord,

who from the beginning

was the Mighty Word.

\*2 At his voice creation

sprang at once to sight,

all the angel faces,

all the hosts of light,

thrones and dominations,

stars upon their way,

all the heavenly orders,

in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,

to receive a name

from the lips of sinners

unto whom he came,

faithfully he bore it

spotless to the last,

brought it back victorious

when from death he passed:

4 Bore it up triumphant

with its human light,

through all ranks of creatures,

to the central height,

to the throne of Godhead,

to the Father's breast;

filled it with the glory

of that perfect rest.

5 Name him, brothers, name him,

with │love as strong as death.

but with awe and wonder

and with bated breath:

he is God the Saviour,

he is Christ the Lord,

ever to be worshipped,

trusted and adored.

\*6 In your hearts enthrone him;

there let him subdue

all that is not holy,

all that is not true:

crown him as your captain

in temptation's hour;

let his will enfold you

in its light and power.

7 Brothers, this Lord Jesus

shall return again,

with his Father's glory,

with his angel train;

for all wreaths of empire

meet upon his brow,

and our hearts confess him

King of glory now.

[**Post Communion Prayer**](http://www.anglican.bb/~stthomas/PostCommunionPrayer.htm)

**Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and

The Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you

always.  **Amen.**

**Vesper**

***Send me out from here, Lord,***

***To serve a world in need;***

***May I know no man by the coat he wears,***

***But the heart that Jesus sees.***

***And may the light of Your face***

***Shine upon me Lord –***

***You have filled my heart with the greatest joy***

***And my cup is overflowing.***

Go now, bearing the light, living for others,

Fearlessly walking into the night;

Take no though for your lives – like lambs among

wolves –

Full of the Spirit, ready to die.

***Send me out ...***

***…. and my cup***

***is overflowing with joy!***

John Pantry

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**Recessional Hymn – 352**

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

the passing ages pray;

and faithful souls have yearned to see

on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night

not less to God belong;

and for the everlasting right

the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills

the flags of dawn appear;

gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,

proclaim the day is near:

4 The day to whose clear shining light

all wrong shall stand revealed,

when justice shall be throned in might,

and every heart be healed;

5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,

shall walk the earth abroad;

the day of perfect righteousness,

the promised day of God.