

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

#### FIRST READING

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.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 111

*Read in unison.*

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.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

#### SECOND READING

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.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### 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.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD**

**ALL THOSE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

**WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE**

**AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

**AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER:**

◆ those in special need, especially ; Melody, Bill, John,

Sean, Sarah, Witt, Patrick, George, Dawn, Mary Jane, Ron, Pat, Robert & Namoni, Mike & Nancy; Helen; Ellie; Riley; Frank; Emma Jane; George, the Von Dwingelo family, Bill & Barbara; Esther & her family, Lindsay; Louise, Ginny .

- ◆ the departed, especially , Ida M. Godwin, Delores E. Ensign, Georgianna Mills, and Tyler P. Halverson..
- ◆ the baptismal birthdays of Amelia Stresing and Michael Young.

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### ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need servers for the **Soup Kitchen** on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 5th. Be down at the kitchen by 4:15 p.m., bring chocolate milk please, and let Dan Basche know if you are coming. See you there!

The **Crafters Group** of St. John's needs your "gently used" pillowcases. We use them to make dresses for girls in Africa. Any questions, see or call Janet Lennon (623-687-7397).

The **Altar Flower Ministry** needs your help please. We have gone two Sundays now with no one signing up to give the Altar flowers. There are lots of open dates — please check the book and sign-up in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. or in loving memory of dear ones. Questions, please call the Church Office.

On Saturday, February 25th, we will continue refurbishing the **Habitat house** for the Munoz family. If we are on schedule, we will be painting the outside of the house. We will leave the church at 7 a.m. to carpool over, or you can meet us at 6732 N. 73rd Ave at 7:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. Equipment and lunch are provided.

On July 7-15, 2012, the **Episcopal Habitat Coalition** is planning to help build houses in Cartagena, Colombia. If you would like to join this fantastic opportunity, or would like more information, see Sandy Basche —call (602-439-3594) — or e-mail (dsbasche@juno.com)

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT BLANKETS AND WARM CLOTHES AT THE CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL/SOUP KITCHEN.** They are greatly needed during the winter months. If you find more sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, sleeping bags or blankets, please leave them in or near Dan Basche's blue collection bin in the Parish Hall.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10 a.m.</b>
	Godly Play & Adult Education	9 a.m.
	Daughters of the King Meeting	9 a.m.
	Youth Group (East Annex)	4 p.m.
Mon	Boy Scouts (PH/Library/East Annex)	7 p.m.
	Cursillo (Chilton Hall Rm. 2)	7:30 p.m.
Tue.	New Testament in Review	6 p.m.
	with Bruce Jackson	
	Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m.
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	Informal Vestry Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Healing</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
	Bible Study	following the service
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	Confirmation Class	7 p.m.
Thu.	Guitar Lessons (East Annex/Choir Rm.)	5 p.m.
Sun.	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10 a.m.</b>
	Godly Play & Adult Education	9 a.m.
	Young Adults	9 a.m.
	Youth Group (East Annex)	4 p.m.
	Chris Becker Dining Hall Ministry	4:15 p.m.

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Our Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God .