

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 31, 2021



*Jesus Casts Out the Unclean Spirit - Friesach*

*Section of painting scenes on the abstinence cloth in the Cathedral of Gurk, Carinthia, Austria*  
Artist: Meister Konrad von Friesach (year 1458 A.D.)

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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here “to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare God’s people to share that grace with others”.  
You are invited to participate however you wish.

## Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite Two

### Prelude

#### Processional Hymn 530 (vs. 1&5)

**1** Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth’s remotest bound  
all may heed the joyful sound;

*Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

**5** Word of life, most pure and strong,  
word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night  
all the world awakes to light.

### The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

*Presider* † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
- Philippians 1:2

### Confession of Sin

BCP 79

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Presider and People together*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider and 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. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

*Presider and People*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

### The First Lesson

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.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God**

### The Response

*Confitebor tibi*

Psalm 111

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.

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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.

## The Second Lesson

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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 448 (Vs. 1&6)

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

**1** O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals’ sake.

**6** All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

*Priest*    <sup>†</sup> The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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 and the Son.

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.

The Prayers

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## 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.***

## Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

## Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *[Amen.]*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**People** Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

*Presider and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn 437 (v. 1&4) *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, <sup>†</sup> the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Dismissal

BCP 102

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.*** -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

## Postlude

***The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving  
for the ministry and mission of ECA***

### **Prayer List**

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

### **Birthdays**

1/31	Sandy Fuller	2/2	Ruth Kight
2/1	Peggy Jacobsen	2/3	Jan Samuel

### **Anniversaries**

2/5 Tom & Irene Griggs

## **Annual Parish Meeting February 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom virtual platform**

Stay tuned for details for the ECA Annual Parish Meeting. This is a time of reflecting on the past year, planning for the New Year, and thanking the Lord for his many blessings! You won't want to miss this. Mark your calendar for Sunday February 14, 2021. Details will follow soon.

## **Seeking Flower Donations for Altar Flower Ministry for the 2021 Year.**

There is a sign-up sheet online [here](#) you can complete and attach to your check when mailing in indicating in whose honor, memory or in thanks for your flower donation is made. You may also call or email Pamala in the office and she will take care of the information. The suggested amount is \$35 and more than one person can sign up for a particular date. Thank you for supporting this worship ministry.

## **Ash Wednesday services will be performed Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2pm and 6pm-8pm**

We will hold two drive through services on Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion from the reserve sacrament from noon-2pm and 6pm-8pm to begin our observance of Lent. A virtual service of the Ash Wednesday liturgy will be streamed on Facebook at 11am and the recorded service can be watched anytime thereafter.

## **2021 Lenten Program to be different this year**

Due to the bishop and diocesan restrictions concerning in-person activities we will not be able to do a Lenten program like we have done in the past. This year on Wednesday nights during Lent we will host Zoom virtual gatherings and be doing virtual reflections from parishioners sharing their stories of hope and strength during these unprecedented times. Stay tuned for further information.

## **Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!**

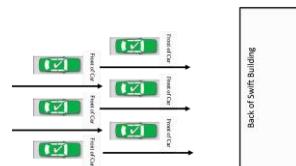
We need YOU! If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net). There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. Volunteers are especially needed to read the Sunday lessons.

## **Drive-In Service Instructions**

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship inside, providing opportunities for worship is still our top priority: Currently, we are offering a Drive -In Service to allow parishioners to stay in their warm vehicle for services. See parking diagram to the right (please park straight and not diagonal). Notice the

parking pattern to allow every car the opportunity to see directly in front of them. Join Us! *All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must still go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:*

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)



## **Sign up for the ECA Newsletter**

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

## **End of Year Statements available at the Church**

Thank you to all who gave to ECA in 2020! End of year statements are available to pick up at the church (along with giving envelopes). If you do not feel comfortable picking up your statement in person, please email [ecaparish@gmail.com](mailto:ecaparish@gmail.com) to have your statement emailed to you. Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

## **ECA Finances to Date**

<b><u>(YTD) Through Dec. 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>+/-</u></b>
Revenues	\$222,646	\$235,508	(\$12,862)
Expenses	\$207,518	\$235,479	\$27,960
Net Year to date	\$15,127	\$29	\$15,098

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