



King Herod Antipas: Ruled Galilee during the time of Christ. While ethnically Arab, Herod was a practicing Jew and was often referred to as “The King of the Jews.” In the Gospel according to Luke (13:32), Jesus is quoted as having referred to Herod with contempt as “that fox.”

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The Congregation Gathers

We hope you will find renewed life, health and strength in God in our common worship.

Following guidelines from the bishop, our clergy and music leaders who have proof of vaccination may remain unmasked during indoor services. The rest of the congregation must continue to wear masks until further notice. We hope this will make it easier for everyone to feel safe participating in worship. The bishop also asks that everyone continue to wear masks outside during Coffee Hour except when eating or drinking. Thank you for understanding.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of Jim Schuyler, by Sue and Jack Marquis, and in honor of her daughter Christina's birthday and in celebration of God's love for the health of our beloved community, by Claire Dikas.

Prelude

Processional

Sing Ye Faithful, 492

1. Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest, sweet - est strain,
4. Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's throne the Son

3
with the prais - es of your Sa - vior, let his house re - sound a - gain;
rules and guides the world he ran - somed, till the ap - point - ed work be done,

5
him let all your mus - ic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
till he see, re - newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Opening Acclamation

Bold text after People or All is said by everyone.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Presider 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.**

The Gloria

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please remain seated for the readings and the Psalm.

The Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

All

**I will listen O Lord God, to what you are saying,
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

**Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**O Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

**Righteousness shall go before you,
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

Sequence Hymn

Ye Servants of God, 535

1. Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a-broad his won-der-ful Name;
4. Then let us a-dore, and give him the right: All glo-ry and power, all wis-dom and might,

the Name all vic-to-rious of Je-sus ex-tol: his king-dom is glo-rious; he rules o-ver all.
and hon-or and bless-ing, with an-gels a-bove, and thanks ne-ver ceas-ing and in-fin-ite love.



John the Baptizer: Best known as an itinerate preacher who put forward his ethical teachings that hit directly at the root of corrupt practices, most notably King Herod's divorcing of his wife and marrying his brother's wife, a criticism that ultimately cost John his head. He was known to preach throughout the wilderness, and it is from Isaiah's 40:3 that our oft quoted saying "a voice crying in the wilderness" is derived.

Please stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

(Deacon, when present, or Priest)

The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Deacon
People

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias (also called Salome) came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Mr. Miguel Bustos



Tissot's take on Herod Antipas.



Herodias and Salome

Our Response to the Word

The Nicene Creed

All

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified and 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

Deacon when present or Priest

- Deacon: Let us dance before the Lord with all our might and offer prayers for all peoples in every place.
- Leader: For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader: For all nations, tribes, clans and families.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader: For all that is good and bountiful for the world.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader: For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader: We offer gratitude for those who selflessly minister to heal others. Grant them patience and wholeness as they care for others.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader: For the dying and the dead, especially those we hold dear in our hearts.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray with gratitude for all those who supported the work and worship of this community during the pandemic.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon: Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this day and grant us our inheritance as your own people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please hold these individuals in your heart and prayers:

John B., Maggie, Muriel McG., Judy B., Joan W., Felicity, Danielo, Linda, Frank, June, Donna, Vanessa, Curt and Cindy, Marcial, Rebecca, Annie, Peggy, Ron, Claudette, Erma, Nancy G., Riley, Karen, Steve, Stephen, Ashley, Caroline, Barbara T., Kathy, Dave, Dwight, Susie, Marisol, Virginia, Lisa, Tina, Jeff, Tom, Christine, Sarah, Ericka, Pat A., Pat H., Daphne, David, Douglas, Jan, Jack, Marilyn, Maria, Chris, Steven, Barbara, Pat P., Heather O., Meredith, Ruth, Nancy, Claudette, Baby Cruz, Baby Aiko, Karen, Michael, Linda, Leslye, Mike, Greg, Jenny, Star, Olivia, Nanci, Leose, Jim, and for those who have gone before us. We also ask for your prayers for children, teachers and 1st responders.

The Peace

Please share a socially distanced sign of peace with one another by waving, bowing, or nodding.

Presider Remembering that God's peace knows no boundaries, may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

We send special greetings to those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries.

Please let us know if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week.

Birthdays: Fabio P., Annie M., Jeronimo E., Adrian J.-J., Leslie F., Nicholas C.

Anniversary(ies): Tom and Jenell M.

Presider "Walk in Love as Christ Loved us and gave himself, an offering and gift to God."

Offertory

To ensure the safety of everyone, there is no passing of an Offertory Plate. Please continue to make your donations online (epiphanyancarlos.org), or by mail.

If you would like to make a donation today, we will have an offertory plate available on the Usher's table.

Thank you very much for your support.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God; all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Liturgy of the Table

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

The Sanctus

***All* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his life, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Great Amen. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People **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.**

The Fraction

A period of silence is kept as the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All **All are welcome at God's Table.**

Ministers (having just sanitized our hands) will hand the bread (wafers for now) into communicant's hands - taking care not to touch those hands (basically dropping the wafer into your outstretched hands). This won't feel quite as intimate as before, but safety is our primary concern. Please keep your mask on.

A minister will hold a tray of small, compostable cups, and you will help yourself to a cup... then move a distance away to consume the bread and drink the wine ...and then, after putting your mask back on, please put the empty cups down on a nearby table. We will later compost those cups. Please return to your pew down the side aisles.

For those of you at home, please share Communion with us if you have the blessed bread and wine – or please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen. *(from the Order of Julian of Norwich)*

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Presider blesses the people.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, 436

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the King of glo - ry waits!
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple set a - part
5. So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin;

The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
thy Ho - ly Spi - rit guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Dismissal

The Deacon, when present, or Priest dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please join us for Coffee Hour outside. Please be careful and safe as we rejoice in one another's company. For those of you at home, please stay on the Zoom broadcast and enjoy Coffee Hour conversation together virtually.

We regret that we cannot offer Nursery care or Faith Formation classes (Godly Play), and the church playground is not yet open.

We look forward to the day when we shall return to a more normal celebration, but let us take great Joy in being together for worship today.

Thank you for understanding the restrictions – they are to keep everyone safe.

Restrooms are available if needed. Please follow the guidelines that are posted. If you have questions, please speak with one of our Usher/Greeters.



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