

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



INTROIT

Adorate Deum (Psalm 97)

All ye Angels of God, fall down, and worship before him: Sion heard of it, and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah were glad. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: Yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen

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THE COLLECT

GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



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THE EPISTLE
Romans 13.1-7

BRETHREN: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves condemnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA
(Psalm 102)

The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: And all the kings of the earth thy majesty. When the Lord shall build up Sion: And when his glory shall appear. Alleluia. Alleluia.
(Psalm 97) The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: Yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL
St. Matthew 8.23-34

AT that time when Jesus was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

OFFERTORY
Psalm 118

THE right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence, the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

SECRET

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the frailty of our mortal nature may by this oblation of our sacrifice, be cleansed from all iniquity and defended against all temptations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

COMMUNION
St. Luke 4

All wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

POSTCOMMUNION

O God, who hast here bestowed upon us the bounty of thy heavenly gifts: grant, we beseech thee; that by the same we may be freed from all carnal and earthly desires, and ever strengthened by thy heavenly refreshment. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.