

## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Introit: *Dominus regnavit, Psalm 97:7, 8/1*

TONE VII



**Antiphon:** Bow down before him, all you gods. ↓  
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.

**Psalm. 1** The LORD is King; ↓ let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

[2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.]

**Gloria Patri.** Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓  
and to the Holy Spirit, \*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie **or** Litany

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo

## **The Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you know that our human weakness cannot stand before the great temptations which assault us. Grant us soundness of mind and body, that by your help we may overcome all the sufferings which our sins cause us; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

## **The First Reading: [Jeremiah 3:24-4:4](#)**

In those days Jeremiah said "But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our ancestors had labored, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God." If you return, O Israel, says the LORD, if you return to me, if you remove your abominations from my presence, and do not waver, and if you swear, "As the LORD lives!" in truth, in justice, and in uprightness, then nations shall be blessed by him, and by him they shall boast. For thus says the LORD to the people of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, remove the foreskin of your hearts, O people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else my wrath will go forth like fire, and burn with no one to quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

## The Gradual **Psalm 102:15, 16**

TONE III



The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, \*  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.  
For the LORD will build up Zion, \*  
and his glory will appear.

## The Epistle: **Romans 13:8-10**

Brethren: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

## Alleluia **Dominus regnavit, Psalm 97:1**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

## The Gospel: **Matthew 8:23-27**

At that time...when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

## The Nicene Creed

Offertory *Confitemini Domino, Psalm 118:16, 17*

TONE III



"The right hand of the LORD has tri-umphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

### The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, may this offering cleanse from our sins and sanctify the minds and bodies of your servants for the celebration of this sacrifice; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

### The Preface of the Holy Trinity

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,  
that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you,  
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God,  
one Lord; not in the unity of a single person, but in the Trinity of a  
single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation concerning your  
glory, that same we believe of your Son, that same we believe of the  
Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, we shall adore the Persons as distinct, their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

#### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany/Theophany Before the Pax Domini**

*Priest:* May Almighty the Lord take from you the danger of every temptation, and, in his compassion, arrest the onslaughts of disquietude.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He undo the wiles and exertions of the tempter, and make you safe and invincible against him.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He grant you continual gifts of peace, and graciously establish you in the haven of tranquility and security.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

*Priest:* The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

**Communion:**      **Dicit Dominus, Luke 4:22** TONE I



All spoke well of him \*  
and were amazed at the gracious words  
that came from his mouth.

**The Postcommunion Collect:**

O Lord: may these Holy Mysteries free us from the attraction of pleasures and give us new strength through your heavenly nourishment; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages.  
*Amen.*