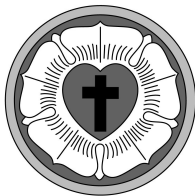
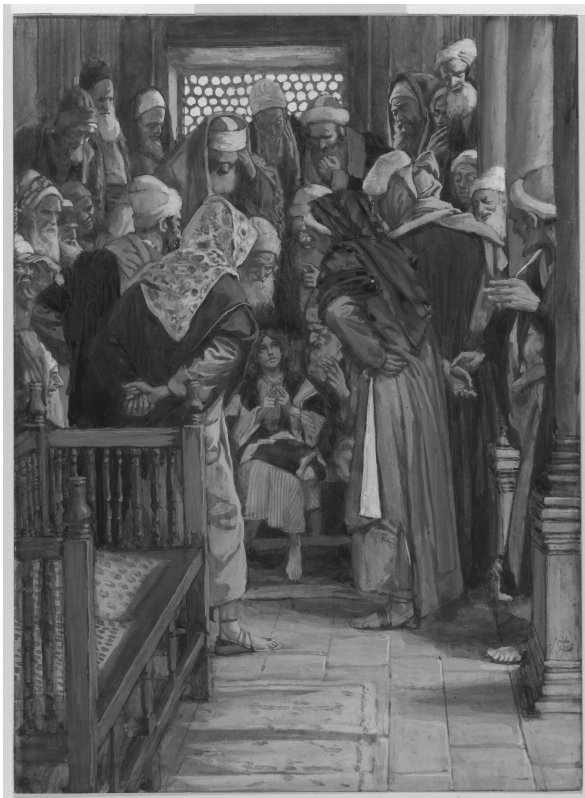


Brighton Lutheran Mission



First Sunday after Epiphany
12 January 2014



James Tissot (1836-1902), *Jésus parmi les docteurs*

I must be in my Father's house

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Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

**May God bless you richly as we
gather together to receive His gifts.**

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or
coffee afterwards. This is followed
by a Bible study.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the actual body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available from the pastor.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Explanation of Symbols:

- P** Pastor
- C** Congregation
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

397 *Hymn: As with Gladness*

2 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P Where is this written?

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Introit (Ps. 100:1–5; antiphon: Is. 6:1, Rev. 19:6)



P I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high
and | lifted up;*
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.
Then I heard the voice of a great
multitude | crying out,*

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the
Al- | mighty reigns.”

G Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the
earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come
into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of
his | pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love
endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all
gener- | ations.

❖ *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* *
and to the Holy | Spirit,

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen

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3 Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis

3 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

The Glory of the Lord Returns to the Temple in the Boy Jesus

In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud (1 Kings 8:6–13). Now Jesus, who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, enters the temple to show that He Himself is the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God (Luke 2:41–52). Our young Lord, true man, subject to Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true

God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found by his parents after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favour of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ (Rom. 12:1–5).

Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 8:6–13

⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. ⁸And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

¹²Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. ¹³I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.”

Gradual (Ps. 72:18, 3)

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

C Let the mountains bear prosperity for
the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!

Epistle Reading—Romans 12:1–5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 100:1–2a)

P Al - le - lu - ia! **C** Al - le - lu - ia!

C Make a joyful noise
to the LORD, all the earth!*

C Serve the Lord with glad - ness!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' with a 'P' (Psalms) symbol at the start and a 'C' (Canticle) symbol at the end. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*' with a 'C' symbol at the start. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Serve the Lord with glad - ness!' with a 'C' symbol at the start. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' with a 'C' symbol at the start. The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. There are rests in the second and third staves.

Gospel Reading—Luke 2:41–52

P The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord!

⁴¹Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

5 *The Nicene Creed*

410 **Hymn: Within the Father's House**

Sermon

Hymn: Christ is the World's True Light



1. Christ is the world's true Light, Its
2. In Christ all rac - es meet, Their
3. One Lord, in one great name U -



cap - tain of sal - va - tion, The
an - cient feuds for - get - ting, The
nite us all who own Thee; Cast



Day - star clear and bright Of
whole round world com - plete, From
out our pride and shame That



ev - ery man and na - tion; New
sun - rise to its set - ting: When
hin - der to en - throne Thee; The



life, new hope a - wakes, Wher -
Christ is throned as Lord, Men
world has wait - ed long, Has



e'er - men own His sway: Free -
shall for - sake their fear, To
tra - vailed long in pain; To



dom her bond - age breaks, And
plough - share beat the sword, To
heal its an - cient wrong, Come,



night is turned to day.
prun - ing - hook the spear.
Prince of Peace, and reign.

Offering

7 *Prayer of the Church*

7 *The Service of the Sacrament*

12 *Benedicamus & Benediction*

816 *Hymn: From All That Dwell*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Barbara; Bristol & Cheltenham Mission, Prs. Bessel & Flor, Commission on Theological & Social Concerns & ELCE University Students; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. David Treneer

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE III: THE SON OF GOD

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind.

He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day. Afterwards, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.

The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

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**Please join us for coffee & tea
afterwards in the café downstairs**

**God willing, the next service
will be held on
9 February 2014 at 4.30 pm
The next Bible study will be on
Friday, 24 January at 3 pm.**