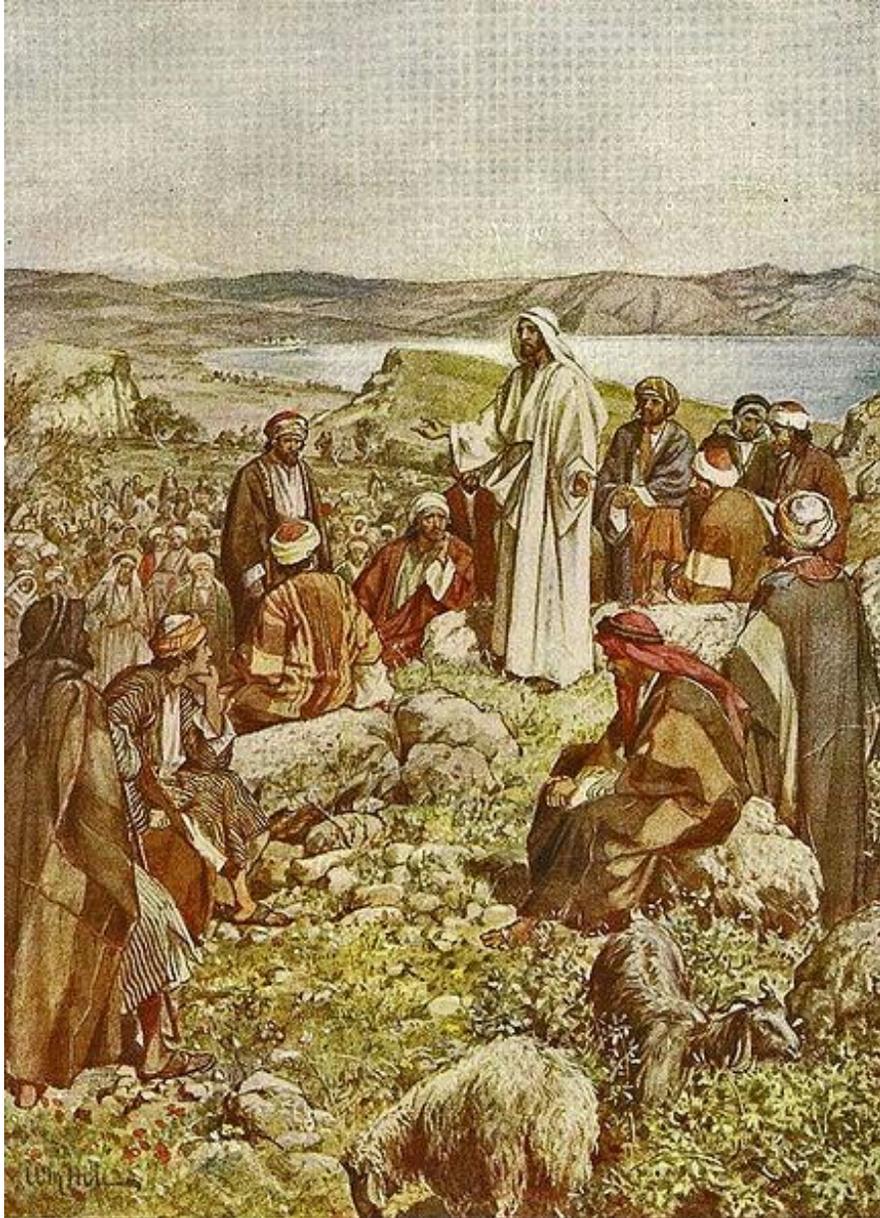


The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

11:00 am



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

From today's scriptures...

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*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

~ 1 Cor. 1:18-19

Welcome! Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service. Our worship today follows Rite Two in the Episcopal 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Today's service is being **livestreamed and recorded** on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).

Voluntary

Liturgy of the Word

All rise to sing, as the choir and clergy enter

Hymn

"God the omnipotent King, who ordaineth"

Hymnal 1982 #569

- 1. God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.**
- 2. God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.**
- 3. God the All-righteous One! earth hath defied thee;
yet to eternity standeth thy word,
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.**
- 4. God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is
hastening:
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.**

Opening Acclamation

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Presider

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People

Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider may add

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.**

Song of Praise

Gloria

Hymnal 1982 S-279

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.**

Collect of the Day

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

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.**

From the Hebrew Scriptures

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
 and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

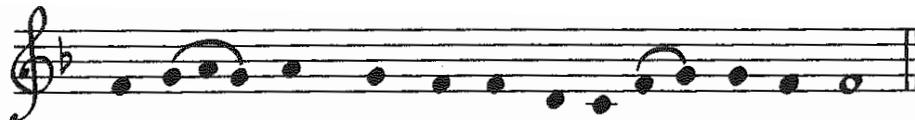
“With what shall I come before the Lord,
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

The Cantor sings the following Antiphon, which is then repeated by the congregation.



The right - eous shall a-bide up-on God's ho-ly hill.

1. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
2. Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart. (*Antiphon*)
3. There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4. In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord. (*Antiphon*)
5. He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
6. He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. (*Antiphon*)
7. Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown. (*Antiphon*)

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the

called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"We sing the praise of him who died"

Hymnal 1982 #471

1. **We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let sin deride:
for this we count the world but loss.**
2. **Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, God is love:
he bears our sins upon the tree:
he brings us mercy from above.**
3. **The cross: it takes our guilt away,
and holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**
4. **It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light.**
5. **The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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Prayer leader Let us pray for the Church and the world.

All sing

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call an - swer me! O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and lis-ten to me.

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- + Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world...

Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness,
Hear our prayer.

- + Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good... Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness...
- + Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory... Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness...
- + Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us... Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness...
- + Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation... Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness...
- + We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom... Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness...

All repeat the prayer antiphon above, after which the Presider concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Confession and Absolution

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A deacon or other clergy person bids the Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 you Name. Amen.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements may follow. During the Offertory, bread and wine for Holy Communion and offerings for the life and work of the church are brought forward to be consecrated and blessed.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal 1982 S-119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal 1982 S-167

Cantor; then All

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The Presider offers God's gifts to the People

On receiving Communion: To receive, please come up the center aisle and stretch out your hands, palms up. Eucharistic wine may be received directly from the common cup or, as a safety measure, from the tray with individual servings. Empty glasses are put on the empty trays at either side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request of the priest. To receive instead a spoken blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest.

Music during Communion

"The Beatitudes"

Russian chant

Where charity and love are found, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together, therefore let us be glad and rejoice. Let us fear and love the Living God, and love each other with a sincere heart.

After Communion, the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

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**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us**

**with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,**

The priest (or bishop if present) may bless the congregation

Final hymn

“Gracious Spirit, give your servants”

Wonder, Love and Praise #782

1. **Gracious Spirit, give your servants
joy to set sin’s captives free,
hope to heal the brokenhearted,
peace to share love’s liberty.
Through us bring your balm of gladness
to the wounded and oppressed;
help us claim and show God’s favor
as a people called and blessed.**

3. **Loving God, who birthed creation
from the nothingness of space,
kindling life where all was empty,
turning chaos into grace:
when we feel confused and fruitless,
dawn upon our restless night;
give us faith’s imagination,
hope’s renewing, love’s delight.**

2. **Word made flesh, who gave up glory
to become our great high priest,
taking on our human nature
to redeem the last and least:
let your courage and compassion
shape and guide our ministries;
as our Savior and our Shepherd,
lead us to the truth that frees.**

4. **Triune God, eternal Being,
never ending, unbegun,
boundless grace and perfect justice,
righteous and forgiving One:
so enfold us in your mercy
that our wills and yours unite;
through us may the world behold you,
find your love, your truth, your light.**

Dismissal

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Presider Let us go forth in the light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing voluntary

All are invited to join in fellowship over snacks in the Shero Room, through the interior double doors.

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