

**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
MORNING PRAYER RITE II**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 10:30 A.M.



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OPENING HYMN *I Come with Joy* H 304 v. 1-2, 4-5 *Please stand*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Officiant says: From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.**

We have denied your goodness in each other,

**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able*

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

INVITATORY Psalm 67:1-5

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

PSALM: PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
⁷Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons *The people sit.*

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

The scene is a court of law, where God as judge and accuser charges Israel with contravening the Sinai covenant and forgetting what it means to live in a way that holds God in awe.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

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

²Hear, 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.”

³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For 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.

⁵O 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.”

⁶“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?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

CANTICLE Gloria GC 157 *Please stand*



earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Choir (Congr. ad lib):

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

All:

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: *A New Mass for Congregations*, Carroll T. Andrews, © 1970, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31 *The people sit.*

Paul has decried the divisions in the church at Corinth. Now he differentiates those for whom Christ's death, resurrection and return to the Father are highly significant and those who fail to understand Christ's sacrifice for us.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider 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. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

THIRD READING: MATTHEW 5:1-12

In Galilee, Jesus tells his followers those human qualities required for entry into the Kingdom of God. He speaks of the new era he has come to initiate. All the qualities are expected of the faithful: they will enjoy spiritual happiness now and in God's reign at the end of time.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

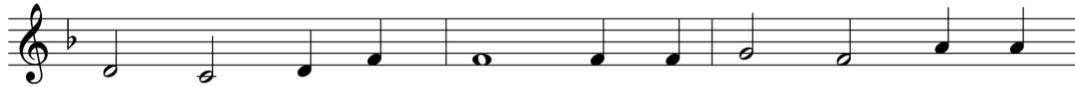
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

SEQUENCE HYMN *God of Day & God of Darkness* GC 750 *Please Stand*



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we
 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the
 3. Show us Christ in one an - oth - er, Make us
 4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the
 5. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our



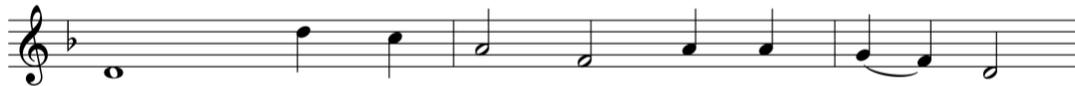
stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and
 rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and
 ser - vants strong and true; Give us all your love of
 light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all
 source and you our end; Praise to you who love and



deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre -
 bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and
 jus - tice So we do what you would do. Let us
 peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn, For our
 nur - ture us As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us



a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your
 wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig -
 call all peo - ple ho - ly, Let us pledge our lives a -
 hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re -
 all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y



might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice
 nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken,
 new, Make us one with all the low - ly,
 turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er,
 mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row,



Fills the earth with ra - diant light.
 All your chil - dren at our door.
 Let us all be one in you.
 We shall all your face dis - cern.
 Hearts re - newed to King - dom tend.

MESSAGE *Sky Carroll, Licensed Preacher*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People **And listen to our prayer.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The lector will begin the prayers. Please pray a collect as you feel led.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.**"

God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.

God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others.

For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth. We give thanks especially for these blessings:

You are invited to offer thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.

God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors.

For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.

God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life and healing for all those suffering and sick in body, mind, and spirit. We remember especially those dear to us whom we carry in prayer day by day: **Mike & Judy, Doug, Greg, David, Robin, Beverly, Ryan, Linda, Beth, Beth J., Elinor, Akashia & her family, Jason, Carolyn & Jerry, Lisa, Darrel, and Jack.**

Hear also these concerns on our hearts:

You are invited to add petitions either silently or aloud.

For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.

God, bless the dying and the dead. May their reward be great in heaven. Give to those who now mourn the blessing of your comfort.

For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY *Please be seated*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *Please stand and sing:*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord

to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised

through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered

together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now,

O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us

in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

CLOSING HYMN *Simple Gifts H 554*

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG BENEDICTION *May God Bless and Keep You GC #577*

*May God bless and keep you; may God smile on you.
May God show you kindness, fill you with peace.
And may God bless you, Father, Son, and Spirit;
may we always love and serve, filled with God's peace.*

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May God show us kindness, fill us with peace.
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