

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29th, 2017, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

The flowers at the altar are given by Marylen Ruston to the Glory of God, and in remembrance of her loving husband, Barr Ruston.

The Word of God

Prelude: Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,
The Processional Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

Hymn #537

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.** Amen.

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Please remain standing, and join in singing,
The Gloria

Powell

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
13 might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
32 prayer. 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 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Peter Huang

Preacher: Mr. Hank Gatlin, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Micah 6:1-8

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Micah.

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?

Remaining seated, please join in singing,

The Response

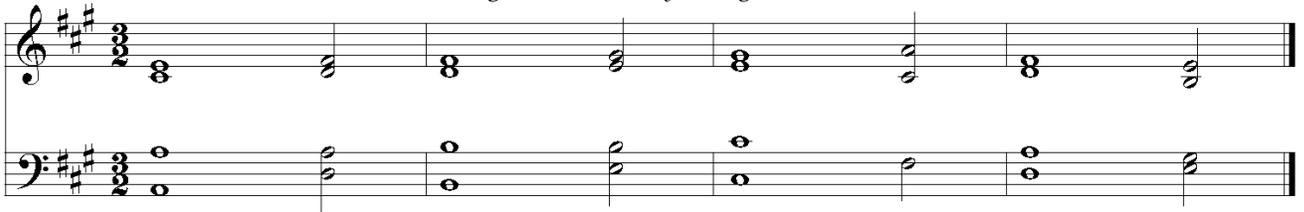
Psalm 15

Hal Hopson

Anglican chant is an treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church.

We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (â), which indicates to move to the next note.

Please sing (or read silently) along with us!



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*Lord, who may dwell within your hóuse
Or on your holy háll?*

*Those who do good and speak the trúth,
Whose lives are blameless stáll;*

*Who have no guile upon their tóngues
Nor harm their neighbor's lífe,
But honor those who fear the Lórd
And turn away from strífe;*

*Who do no wrong, but keep their wórd
And seek no bribe or gáin;
All those who do such things shall líve
And safe from harm remáin.*

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

2nd Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.”

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Gospel Procession

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

John Bell, Iona Community

Je-sus Christ, Je-sus Christ, Son of God a-mong us, thank you for ev-'ry sign showing that you love us.

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The Holy Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

† Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing 'Jesus Christ' as the procession returns.

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

Mr. Hank Gatlin

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All 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

The People join in reading the words in bold.

During this season of Epiphany we proclaim, "Arise, shine for your light has come!" O God of Light, we are ready for you to light our way that we might lead others to knowledge and love of you.

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love.

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in our nation, O God: help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in your world, O God: heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth. Give all religious and secular leaders eyes to see and hearts to follow the way of justice and peace.

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in your people, O God; make us one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being and to welcome the stranger and refugee. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in those who serve in the troubled places of our world, O God; We ask your protection on those who serve the cause of justice in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Kelly Hall, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine, O God, in the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed and be the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Steve Phillips, James and Reiko, Dorothy Rathbun, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Margaret and Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, and for those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or aloud).*

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in all our departed saints, O God: teach us to follow their witness of faith and unite us again with all who have gone before us, especially those we name to you now... *(Please add your own prayers silently or aloud).*

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Silence

Celebrant: O Divine Light, you are the Light that transforms. Sometimes we look to you to be a neon sign hoping for easy answers to our problems in the moments when our lives are most dim. Your Presence reminds us that we embody your light. Let us shine your Light into the world that surrounds us through Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Please stand or kneel as able

All 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 your Name. Amen.

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

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Blessed Are You

Mark Hayes

*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who now weep, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you who are meek, for you will inherit the earth. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
Blessed are you, my children. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.
Blessed are you who are merciful, for you will inherit the earth. Blessed are you who are pure in heart, for you will see God.
Blessed are you who make peace, for you will be called the children of God. Blessed are you who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for yours is the kingdom of heav'n. Blessed are you...
Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and when they revile you, and when they defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy for surely your reward is great in heaven.
Blessed are you...*

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

Called to Gather As God's People

NETTLETON

Called to gath - er as God's peo - ple, we as - sem - ble in this place to u - nite our hearts and
voic - es in thanks - giv - ing for God's grace: for the birth - ing of cre - a - tion, for Christ's
ris - ing from death's hold, for the com - ing of the Spir - it, week by week claimed and re - told.

Please stand as able for
The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.____

Setting by Robert Powell S-129 The Hymnal 1982

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, with the People reading the parts in **Bold**.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it...

...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.



Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things under the influence of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

Here, O My Lord

MORECAMBE

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things un-seen;
here grasp with firm-er hand e-ter-nal grace, and all my wea-ri-ness up-on thee lean.

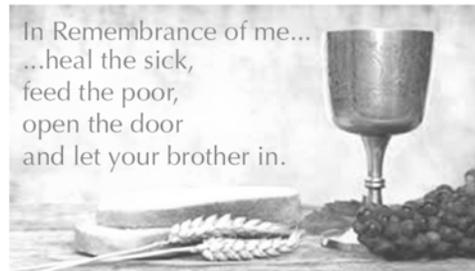
Words by Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 MORECAMBE by Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
 In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
 In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
 In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in.
 Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you.
 In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.
 In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart for God.
 Do this in remembrance of me.*



Please kneel or stand as able

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

✠ Celebrant May Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you the light of his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Please stand as able, and join in singing,

The Closing Hymn

I Come with Joy

Hymn #304

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Toccata

Théodore Dubois