



Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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10:00am

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Introduction

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned

away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

*THE GATHERING HYMN: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart # 873

* THE GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

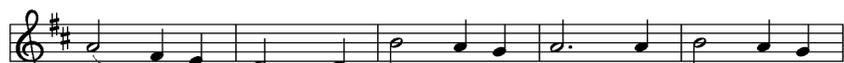


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

The First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

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?

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

⁸The 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page #151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: What a Friend We Have In Jesus #742

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 OF THE CHURCH

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

Merciful God
Receive our prayer

*** THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful
power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior
Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 152**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*** THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*** 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.

* **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

page 154

THE DISTRIBUTION

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

***THE SENDING SONG: O Master, Let Me Walk With You**
#818

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus..
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: January 29, 2023

Communion Assistant: Nicole Rodig

Acolyte: Addison Lee

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Chris Rodig

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Serving Next Week: February 5, 2023

Acolyte: Maris Rodig

Lectors: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Peggy Bowers

Musician: Michelle Foster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next service will be on Tuesday February 28 @7:00pm

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please join us immediately following worship in the Social hall for refreshments and fellowship. We are looking for dessert type items, if you would like to help out please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Offering
Envelopes**



Our offering envelope supplier advises it has a very big backlog of 2023 orders. They do not expect to ship our envelopes until February. Until they are received, you can either mail a check to the Church or use one of the blank envelopes in the pew racks on Sundays – just be sure to write your name on the envelope.



FASTNACHT: Tuesday, February 21st. 6-8pm
If you have a talent you would like to share or would like to help us prepare the pancakes, please see the signup sheet on the main bulletin board.



VBS PLANNING: Sunday, February 26th immediately following the worship service. We need new ideas and new members to help us bring back this wonderful ministry this summer.



SOUP SUPPER: Wednesday, March 1st, 6-8pm. Please come out and join us at 6pm for a time of soup and fellowship, followed by our first midweek Lenten service at 7pm.



CHURCH CLEANUP: March 18, 10am-2pm. We need all hands on deck as we prepare for the Easter and summer seasons. Service hours are available for any young person who needs them for school.



CHURCH COUNCIL: Meets the third Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on February 20 at 7pm. These meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Council still has one year term openings, if you are interested please reach out to Bonnie Mazza.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: If you want a financial statement of your Church donations for yearend 2022, you can email me at hutelctreasurer@gmail.com, call me at (609) 726-0292 or see me on Sundays in Church. Thanks, Hank Bariexca



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Our midweek Lenten Services will begin on March 1st with our Soup Supper. (please see above) They will continue on March 8, 15, 22 & 29. at 7pm.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm. Good Friday, April 7 at 7pm and Easter Sunday at 10am.



We are so glad you worshipped with us today.

Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.

If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters or any of our wonderful members.