

# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 29, 2023 † 10:30AM**

## PRELUDE

*Berceuse*, Germaine Tailleferre

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN**  *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!* Hymnal 1982, 437

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** 

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* 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.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 

Hymn 421

*All* All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given. We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise, O God, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father gave us, who for the world was sacrificed up on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and we for judgment there must stand, have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation, and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation. You, only, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit, you alone share in the Father's glory.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** 

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* 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.**

## THE LESSONS



### THE FIRST LESSON



Micah 6:1-8

*Lector* A Reading from 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?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**THE RESPONSE****Psalm 15***Antiphon, all sing*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

*Antiphon*

<sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

*Antiphon*

<sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

*Antiphon*



*Lector* A Reading from Paul's first letter 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.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;

he to the lowly soul will still himself impart and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

## 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.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON



The Rev. William Rontani

## 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 Leader and People pray responsively*

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor* 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.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We give thanks, O God, for the rain and snow we have received, and we beseech your mercy to continue to refresh and restore our land. We pray that you will give us the grace to be wise with the water we have, that we may continue to dwell in safety and abundance.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Renew and reenergize our church, Gracious Lord, that we may be a light to our community and to our world.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*Presider* Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## CONFSSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*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.**

*Presider* 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.***

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

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Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Gift to be Simple*, arr. Bob Chilcott

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing, as able*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* 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:

*The Presider and people sing:*

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**Holy, holy, holy 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.**

*Presider* 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,

*Presider and People:*

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

*The Presider 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 in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Presider says the following Invitation*

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Those who have obtained pre-consecrated sacrament for Shared Home Communion are invited to receive at this time.*

*Those who cannot receive at home are invited to pray the following prayer:*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.*

*If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your*

*fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.*

*If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Lord, make us servants of your peace, Hymnal 1982, 593*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **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,**  
**to love and serve you**  
**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE FINAL BLESSING**

*Presider* May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
***Amen.***

**CLOSING HYMN**

*For all the saints*, Hymnal 1982, 287 vv. 1-4

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Marche Religioso*, Gounod

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