



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023

St. MARY's

Prelude

**Bell calling us together**

**Opening Hymn**

**#389 Let us with Gladsome Mind**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**And Blessed be God's Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen**

**The Collect for Purity (said in unison)**

– 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 # S280**

**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.**

**The Collect**

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.

**Old Testament**

**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?

## The Psalm

### Psalm 15

#### *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## 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 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. 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."

## Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

**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.**

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to our Father in heaven that we may be counted among the poor and humble who expect everything from him and among whom his Son is alive. Let us say: *R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.*

- For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Charles our Priest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for our St. Mary's, Shelter Island, St. John's, Southampton and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown. We pray that, in this world the Church may become a community that is deeply aware of its need for God, let us pray:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

For those who are groping to find God, that they may discover him; for those who think that they already posses God, that they may seek him, let us pray:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

- For those who are afraid of the future, that they find trust and confidence: for those who have failed in the past, that they may be given new opportunities, let us pray:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

- For all who doubt, that they may not despair; for all who have lost their way in life, that they may find a home; for the lonely, that they may encounter a caring person, let us pray:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

- For those who have no time, that they may take time out to pause and to be available to people; for those who have plenty of time, that they may use it for service, let us pray:

**R/ Lord fill our empty hearts.**

- For all who hunger in whatever way, that they may be satisfied; for those who are satisfied, that they may learn what hunger is, let us pray:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

- For those who are well-off, that they may not become proud; for the high and the mighty, that they may realize how vulnerable they are, let us pray:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

I invite you to share any intercessions you may have with this gathered community ...pause... For all of these we ask:

**R/ Lord, fill our empty hearts.**

Lord our God, from whom all good things come, we pray you today for all those living between hope and fear and for ourselves. Set us free from anxiety and from false security and give us all that is good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

**The Confession**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins..

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you ...

The Peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with all the Angels and Archangels,

with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Power of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our  
redemption, O Father, in  
this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Recalling his death,  
resurrection, and ascension, we offer you  
these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for  
your people the  
Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food  
and drink of new  
and unending life in him. Sanctify us also  
that we may faithfully  
receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you  
in unity, constancy,  
and peace; and at the last day bring us with  
all your saintsPostlude Bach Fugue F  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.P

All this we ask through your Son Jesus  
Christ: 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**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
All: **Our Father...**

**Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been  
sacrificed for us, Therefore let us keep  
the feast, Alleluia!**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the  
following Invitation*

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.

Blessed are we  
if we live Christ's message of joy  
as people aware of the poverty of our hearts  
and the insufficiency of our own resources.  
Blessed are we  
if we can place ourselves in the hands of  
God.  
Blessed are we when God blesses us:  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**R/ Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #657 Love Divine All  
Loves Excelling**

Go in the Peace and Joy of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

**Postlude Bach Fugue F**

### We Pray for the Healing & Support:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Georgia Griffis, for Rod and for all of Georgia's Family.

We pray for Chris Lewis, Georgiana Ketcham, Jane Babinski and Doris Schultz and their continued recovery. and we continue to pray for Cindy Belt's sister Susan Belt Hartson

We pray for Ukraine, for peace and for safety

For those who have lost loved ones, in the Pandemic, for those who are ill, for all those who serve, for all those who are anxious or fearful, and for...

Barbara Brigham, Sara Mundy, Jean Adams, Kathy Cogan, Jim Fancher, Diane & Nancy Fickett, Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Kathryn James, Halle Kneeland, Virginia Springsteen, Vita Stellke, Valerie Capon, Linda VanArdale, Beth Wagner, Georgia and Rod Griffis, Betianne Morritt's great granddaughter Eliana, Louie Cicero, Barbara Allen Lieblein's grandsons, Kristopher and Alexander, and Bill Lieblein's grand daughter's husband, Matt Grzesik, who has Lou Gehrig's disease, Hermance Canning, Dr. Barbara Phillips-Cole and her son Matthew Cole, who has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer, Sr. Joy Wright, and all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. 's

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"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the KINGDOM of GOD. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and reject your name as evil, because of the SON of MAN. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in HEAVEN. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets." LUKE 6:20-23 (NIV)