

# Morning Prayer: Order of Service

January 24<sup>th</sup> – for the Fourth Sunday  
after the Epiphany

## INVITORY

+ Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

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

*Alleluia.*

## 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.*

## Psalm 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

*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.*

# Psalm 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

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

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

*A reading from the Book of 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.

*A reading from the Book of Micah*

“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.

*A reading from the Book of Micah*

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.”

*A reading from the Book of Micah*

“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?

*A reading from the Book of Micah*

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 Word of the Lord.

CANTICLE A Song of Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; \*  
for he has looked favorably on his people  
and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us, \*  
in the house of his servant David.  
as he spoke through the mouth of his  
holy prophets from of old, \*  
that we would be saved us from our  
enemies and from the hand of all who  
hate us.

CANTICLE A Song of Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, \* and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,\* to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness \* before him all our days.

CANTICLE A Song of Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

And you, child, will be called the prophet of  
the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare  
his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

CANTICLE A Song of Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

By the tender mercy of our God \*  
the dawn from on high will break upon  
us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and  
in the shadow of death,\*  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*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.”

*A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

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.

*A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

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.

*A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

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.

*A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

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 Word of the Lord.

# CANTICLE – A Song of Wisdom | *Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21*

A holy people and blameless race \*  
wisdom delivered from a nation of  
oppressors.

She entered the soul of a servant of the  
Lord, \*  
and withstood dread kings with wonders  
and signs.

# CANTICLE – A Song of Wisdom | *Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21*

She gave to holy people the reward of their labors;\*

she guided them along a marvelous way,  
and became a shelter to them by day \*  
and a starry flame through the night.

## CANTICLE – A Song of Wisdom | *Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21*

She brought them over the Red Sea, \*  
and led them through deep waters;  
but she drowned their enemies, \*  
and cast them up from the depth of  
the sea.

## CANTICLE – A Song of Wisdom | *Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21*

Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly; \*

they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name,

and praised with one accord your defending hand;

for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute, \*

and made the tongues of infants speak clearly.

# *The Gospel according to Matthew*

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.

# *The Gospel according to Matthew*

“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.

# *The Gospel according to Matthew*

“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.”

The Word of the Lord.

## SUNDAY 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.*

## DISCUSSION

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord we pray for*

Clare, Joey, Dawn, Ted, Austin, Amba, Isabel, Kevin, Anne, Peter, Wendy, Roger, Robert, David, Karin, Ron, Beverlee, Len, Linda, Diana, Sharon, Kate, Alex, Joe, Anita, Sandy, Jean, Susan, Calyn, Carol, Marie, Frank, Tim, Fiona, Melanie, Brendon, Glenda, Alice, Martin, Ethan, Jennie, Barbara, Holly, Jerry, Vince, Katie, Rachel

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Marit Aurin, Alex Aurin, Allie Carter, Lester Fuwa, Alix Schneider, Henry Mossa, Jay Muller, Amy VanStee, Will White, Hunter Joosten, & Mary Myers.

And for those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray also for those who have died.

Let us pray

*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,*

*Your Kingdom come, your will be done,*

*On earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who have sinned against us.*

*Save us from the time of Trial,*

*And deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever more.*

*Amen.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

+Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.