

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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VOLUNTARY

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

ENTRANCE HYMN

“All praise to thee”

Hymnal 477

TRADITIONAL COLLECT

BCP 164

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONTEMPORARY COLLECT

BCP 215

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 FIRST LESSON

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 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?” 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

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Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- 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 re- / jected, *
 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.

2nd half of chant

7 Whoever does these / things *
shall never be over-/ thrown.



THE SECOND LESSON

I 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.”

During the hymn, children three years old to fifth grade are invited to follow the banner-bearer to Children’s Church. They will return at the Peace.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Blest are the pure in heart”

Hymnal 656

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.”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Robert Lau

People and tongues of every nation, sing to the Lord a new song.

Bring him a song of jubilation, all God’s creatures,

old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.

He crowns the humble with salvation, sing to the Lord a new song.

Mountains and hills and all creation join the song.

Join in a hymn of adoration. Praise him!

Praise his name, sing Alleluia, praise him for his mighty deeds.

This is our song our supplication, sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens.

Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name.

Angels above make melody to him.

Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing!

Come, Christians all, now raise your voices. Praise and thanksgiving be your choices.

Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance and shout for joy.

Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song.

(paraphrase of Psalms 148, 149, and 150)

PRESENTATION HYMN

“As those of old” *hymn for St. James, Marietta*

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After the Invitation, all baptized persons may come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. If you would like a gluten-free host, tell the priest at the communion rail.

Hymn

“Remember your servants, Lord”

Hymnal 560

Motet

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

CLOSING HYMN

“O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

Hymnal 539

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

I Bind Unto Myself This Day

Irish hymn, arr. John Schaffner



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by **Kent, Mary, and Cadie Percy** in loving memory of **Clinton Logan Percy**.
- Acolyte school**, grades 4 and up, 9:15 Sundays through February, in the library. For info, call Greg Matechak 678.381.6077 or email Wendy Malsby wmalsby@gmail.com
- Lectionary Bible Study** is back! Sunday mornings 9:30, room 205.
- Feb 4, **Wednesday Evenings at St. James** continue:
5:30 youth group, 5:45 dinner, 6:30 evening prayer + cherub choir & choristers, 7:00 express adult formation, and 7:30 parish choir. RSVP with QR code below.
- Feb 1 Sun regular schedule + **Daughters of the King** 12:15p room 205
- Feb 3 Tue **St. Anne's chapter** 10a *Tower bell change ringing with Cathy, part II*
- Feb 4 Wed **Holy Eucharist Rite I with prayers for healing** in the Lawrence Chapel 12:30p + **Nancy Cash funeral** in the Lawrence Chapel 2p
Feb 11 Wed **Dolores Gelly funeral** Lawrence chapel 10a + **Wed Evening** program *see above*
- Feb 17 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** 5:45-6:45
- Feb 18 **Ash Wednesday** 7a, noon, 6:30p
Ash Wednesday worship will supersede our regular evening dinner and program.
- Ongoing Events** **Mondays** handbells 6p, tower bells 7pm **Tuesdays** Bible study 12:30p; **Wednesdays** Knitting for Charity 10a, Centering Prayer online 4p; Wednesday evening program *see above* **Saturdays** Tower Bells 10a



← RSVP for Wednesday dinner February 4



← This QR takes you to REALM's "giving" page to make an offering, dedication of flowers, or the pledge of a recurring gift.

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