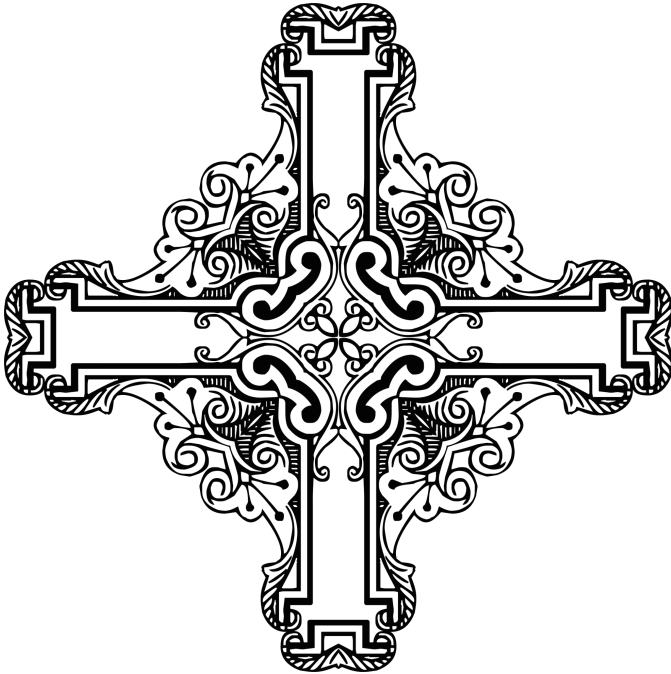


The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist – Rite Two – Year A
January 29, 2023



St. Michael's Episcopal Church – Norman, Oklahoma

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

Opening Voluntary

Processional Hymn

"Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

Hymnal 408

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ✠
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen**

Gloria

Hymnal S-277

**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 sins 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 of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

First Reading

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 15



- A** ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your **tabernacle**? *
 who may abide upon your holy **hill**?
- B** ² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is
 right, *
 who speaks the truth from his **heart**.
- A** ³ There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil
 to his **friend**; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his **neighbor**.
- B** ⁴ In his sight the wicked is **rejected**, *
 but he honors those who fear the **LORD**.
- A** ⁵ He has sworn to do no **wrong** *
 and does not take back his **word**.
- B** ⁶ He does not give his money in hope of **gain**, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the **innocent**.
- B** ⁷ Whoever does these **things** *
 shall never be **overthrown**.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

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.”

Sequence Hymn

"Blest Are The Pure In Heart"

Hymnal 656

(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; Verses 4 after)

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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

Form VI

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Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People ***For your mercy is great.***

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

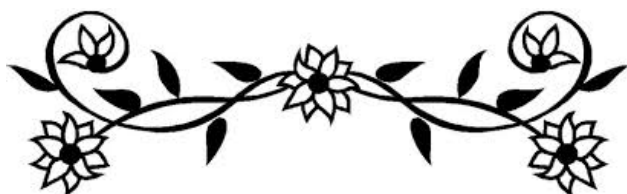
Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People ***Who put their trust in you.***

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ***Amen.***



Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be 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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread
and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The
people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

Offertory Anthem

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
for they shall be satisfied.*

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children
of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you;
and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake:
Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven.*

*Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly
power.*

Presentation of the Offerings *Please stand as you are able and sing*

The Doxology

Hymn 380 Verse 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Priest adds a proper preface

Celebrant

The Lord be with you

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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: †††

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of Power and Might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of Power and Might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

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.†††

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant 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 St. Michael the Archangel 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. †

Celebrant 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

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Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymns:

"What Does The Lord Require"

Hymnal 605

"Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace"

Hymnal 593

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Processional Hymn

"Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness Of The Lord" **Hymnal 438**

Dismissal

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Closing Voluntary



Please keep these people in your prayers this week

For those in illness: Will Blair, Pam Wallace, Patricia Bentley, Jeff Bugher, Nancy Hancock, Suzette McDowell, Evelyn Bibens, Wanda Thompson, Norberto Martinez.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Anne Million, Robert Harrington.

For the departed: 1/30/2013 Carl Melton, 2/4/2018 David Smith, 2/4/2022 Robert "Pepper Haraway

For those who serve their country: Ben Winston, Samuel Price.

Birthdays: 2/1 Jon Roberts, 2/2 Betty Falato, 2/2 Debi Kelley, 2/4 Peter Goodchild, 2/4 David Sims, 2/5 Carol Zerboni

In the diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Memorial, El Reno and The Church of the Holy Spirit, Salto, Uruguay

This week:

Today, Sunday, January 29

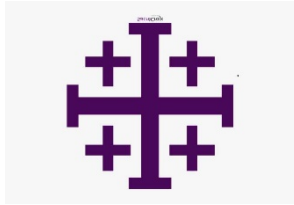
Wednesday, January 25

Saturday, February 1

Annual Membership Meeting

Crafts

Book Discussion Group



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