

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 29, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Sometimes I feel - William Bolcom (b. 1938)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

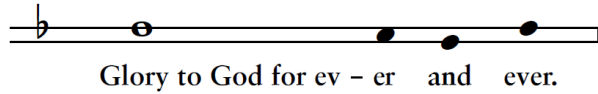
Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878); alt.
Music: Liebster Jesu, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625–1673); alt. Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846–1926)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

The People respond



SONG OF PRAISE

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in us made man-i - fest.
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Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, teach us the hidden wisdom of the gospel, so that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first the blessedness of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.

O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle; *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, *
who speak truthfully from the heart.

There is no guile upon their tongues; they do no evil to their friends; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors;

In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
but they honor those who fear God.

They have sworn to do no wrong *
and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Anglican Chant: James Nares

THE EPISTLE *seated*

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."

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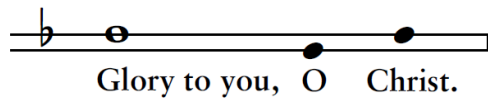
GOSPEL HYMN *standing*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

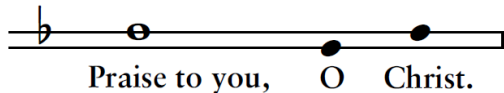
Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792–1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793–1861), alt.
 Music: Franconia, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691–1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Madeleine Harris-Lerew

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Light eternal, we live in a world inclined towards injustice and oppression. Be our guide through the darkness, we pray, and illumine the path that lies ahead.

You welcomed foreigners to your cradle and accepted their gifts. Shine your light on those who appear strange and different, and help us accept what they offer.

Light eternal,

Illumine our path, we pray.

You descended from the heavens like a dove and with the power of your light showed pleasure in the newly baptized. Lead the searching into the light of your presence, and shape our communities into places of understanding, nurture and exploration.

Light eternal,

Illumine our path, we pray.

You modeled the hard way of loving our enemies. Strengthen the light that shines within us, and teach us to have compassion, even for those whom we struggle to love.

Light eternal,

Illumine our path, we pray.

You healed the sick and injured wherever you traveled. Send forth your light to heal all those who suffer from any sickness of body, mind or spirit, especially those we now name.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

Light eternal,

Illumine our path, we pray.

On the mountain-top, your light dazzled and the line between death and life became thin. Bless those who have transitioned to the land of endless light, and remind us of how close they remain.

Light eternal,

Illumine our path, we pray.

Light eternal, your Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine in our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and spread the freedom of your love.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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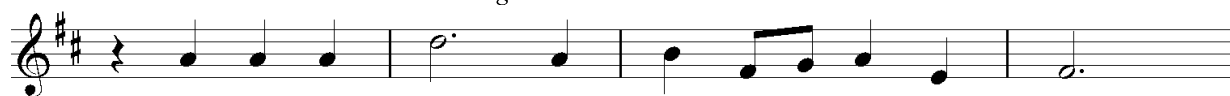
MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

Blessed are the pure in heart

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne,
chooseth the pure in heart.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on The Song of Mary
 Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949), alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

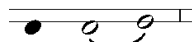
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.

People


A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, both in B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,'.

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.'.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.'.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.'.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing together three times as the distribution of Communion begins.

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." and "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

Words: John 6:25-59; adapt, by Robert J. Batastini, b. 1942 and the Taizé Community.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 ©1982, 1983, 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, (France)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir at 11:00am*

Hymn: Lord, make us servants of your peace

Words: prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Light of Christ be enkindled in your hearts.
And the Blessing of God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,
be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G Major – Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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