



4th Sunday After Epiphany

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *Rise Up, O Saints of God.* LBW 383

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit:

C: Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.)

C: Most merciful Father, Although in Christ our light has come, too much we prefer the darkness of sin. We do not let your holy light shine in our lives so others may see our good works and glorify you. We are deeply sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit. Give us once again the joy of your salvation; and send us out to proclaim your strong saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Arise, shine, for your Light has come; and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines round about you. In the name of and by the authority of our Savior Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of your sin. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until he comes in glory.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (TIMELINE)

p.28 (WOV)

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:
 ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:
 ⓒ Christ, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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HYMN OF PRAISE ("With Glory Bright v1-3)
(FADE OUT AFTER VERSE 4)

1.With glo - ry bright and heav'n - ly peace, Lord, touch our hearts, we pray.
 2.God, Fa - ther, glo - ry gilds your name; we wor - ship and your wing.
 3.O glor - ious Sun of right-eous ness, bring heal - ing on be praise, the Son,
 4.Sing, 'Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ, er be!
 5.Most glor - ious Spi - rit, Ho - ly Lord, con - form us to
 6.O glo - ry to the Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it ev -'

With jud - ment true the earth re - new; turn dark-ness in - to day.
 We bless and praise, our thanks we raise; your mer - cy we im - plore.
 By your dear grace, re - veal your face, un - bar our hearts to sing.
 God's Lamb of love from heav'n a - bove, Re - deem - er of our race."
 To right - ly praise through all our days what - he for us has done.
 God, bring your life a - midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.....

C: O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING – Micah 6:1-8

L: The first lesson is from the 6th chapter of Micah.

6 Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 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.

5 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."

6 "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?

7 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?"

8 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?

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 15

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right

and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends

nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised

but who honor those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:8-31

L: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of 1 Corinthians.

8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of

Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For 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. 19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. 26 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. 27 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; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL VERSE (ACAPELLA)

p.31 (WOV)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten
A Fortunate State of Life

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Blest Are They* (VIDEO)

NICENE CREED

p. 64 (LBW)

**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 worshipped
and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian 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 CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

RECEIVE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY: *For the Gifts Which You Have Given*
(TIMELINE)**

J = 80

For the gifts which you have given, Generous, gracious, lavish Lord,

We give thanks and prayers and offerings: tokens of your love out-poured.

Use our talents and our treasures; use our heart and mind and hand.

Hallow all for loving service to your folk in every land.

Rev. Cathy Ammlung, STS

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: Merciful Father, the magi brought gifts to your Son, the Babe of Bethlehem. Graciously accept our gifts, given to glorify and worship Christ our Savior, and to bring healing and hope to the people he came to redeem. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ACAPPELLA)

p.68 (LBW)

¶ The Lord be with you. ¶ And also with you.
¶ Lift up your hearts. ¶ We lift them to the Lord.
¶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
¶ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(TIMELINE)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

p. 76 (LBW)

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

C: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
 COMMUNION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION (ALL VIDEO)

Lord, I Need You

Angus Dei

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (TIMELINE)

p. 72 (LBW)



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

BENEDICTION & AMEN

p. 221 (ELW)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: *Soon and Very Soon* (VIDEO)

DISMISSAL

L: Go tell it on the mountain

C: Jesus Christ is born!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 3 @ 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

 @ 6:30 pm - Bible Study with Pastor Ann - Galatians

Feb. 4 @ 9:00 am - Women's Morning Bible Study

 @ 9:00-12:00 am - Ann's Office hours

 @ 10:30 am - Communion at Sunporch

 @ 6:00 pm - Confirmation

Feb. 5 @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch

Future Dates:

Feb. 15th - Youth Meetup - 6:00 PM with Supper

Mission Project at Crossroads Homeless Shelter TBD

Feb. 18th - 5:00-6:30 pm - Youth Soup Supper Fundraiser-Ash Wednesday. Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a pre-tour presentation with slides from the Holy Lands from 6:00-6:50 with Pastor Ann in the parish hall to prepare for our Lenten Service which begins at 7:00.

Our theme for Lent this year is "Journey to the Holy Lands - A Lenten Pilgrimage" On Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 18th, we will be visiting several areas in Jerusalem through a drama series. We are inviting 6-8 members who would be willing to participate. Only your voices will be heard as you sit off stage in the choir loft. There is no memorization. Characters are Jesus, Judas, a Priest, John, Peter, and Caiaphas. Smaller parts available for two women. Please let Pastor Ann know if you are interested!

Scriptures for Feb. 8th

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Psalm 112:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon Title: "We All Need a Little Salt!"