



Sunday, January 29, 2023
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Morning Prayer Rite 2
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January 29, 2023
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Sentence of Scripture (Epiphany)

BCP 76

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the
brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

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

*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*

Presider:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our

sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

Presider: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Antiphon (On any Sunday) BCP 81

Presider: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: *Come let us adore him.*

Jubilate *Psalms 100* BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon (On any Sunday) BCP 81

Presider: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: *Come let us adore him.*

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?* BCP 599

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 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.

7 Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet 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?

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The First Song of Isaiah BCP 86
Ecce, Deus *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
*
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of
Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

A reading from Paul's first letter to Corinth 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."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittus* BCP 93
Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The Gospel Lesson

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."

Presider: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

*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 sin 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 for ever. Amen.*

Suffrage B BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain

Collect of the Day (4th Sunday) 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.*

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

BCP 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

You may offer your own prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your
mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

Dismissal

BCP 102

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

We welcome you all to this morning's worship service, and invite you to join us for fellowship immediately following!

TODAY'S LECTOR: Todd Johnson

UPCOMING SERVICES:

2/5 Morning Prayer Rite 1
2/12 Holy Eucharist Rite 2, Pastor Richard Rentner
2/19 Morning Prayer Rite 1
2/26 Morning Prayer Rite 2

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/5 Deanery meeting, 2:30 PM via Zoom
2/14 Valentine's Day
2/19 Jay Carpenter's birthday
2/20 Presidents' Day
2/22 Ash Wednesday service, 4:00 PM

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

2/2 The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
2/3 Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865
2/4 Cornelius the Centurion

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed & Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Harriet; John; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted & Julie; Sherri; Helen;

Eleanor; Sam's sister & family; Eric; Mary's family; Mark; Susan's grandson

BEREAVEMENT: Scott & Natalie Linden, on the loss of her mother, Cathy Sepsey, this past Sunday

PRAYERS FOR those who are suffering the effects of the pandemic & the 1.11M+ who've lost their lives.

PRAYERS FOR those who have suffered loss due to shootings, & those who live these threats every day.

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed & homeless

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St Michael's & All Angels, Cambridge Junction/Onsted; St Stephen's, Troy

SAVE THESE DATES!

Saturday, February 18, 9:00 AM to Noon
Vestry Days

Virtual event held on Zoom

Topics:

Core purpose with Bishop Perry

Financial safeguards with Canon Mark Miliotto

Data & hospitality with Rev Canon Ellen Ekevag & Rev
Susie Schaefer
When to call the Diocese with Canon Jo Ann Hardy
Website basics with Adrienne Trupiano

Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/vestry23>

Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m.
A Diocesan Celebration Commemorating The Rev.
Absalom Jones, the First African-American
Episcopal Priest
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

Saturday, May 6
Diocesan Ministry Fair
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

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