



THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Rite

Voluntary

Praeludium No. 2 in G Major, Op. 37

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Entrance Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 569

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest

Russia

1 God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

2 God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

3 God the All-righteous One! earth hath defied thee;
yet to eternity standeth thy word,
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

4 God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

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Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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All: **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. Amen.**

Song of Praise

See pew card

Canticle 13 *Benedictus es, Domine*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

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. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

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.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 15

Remain seated. The Choir will introduce the Antiphon first. The congregation then joins in singing the Antiphon each time.

Antiphon

The right - eous shall a - bide up - on God's ho - ly hill.

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- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *All stand.* Hymnal 1982 – 605

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? *Sharptborne*

1 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

2 Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?

Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

3 Still down the ages ring the prophet's stern commands.

To merchant, worker, king he brings God's high demands.

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

4 How shall my soul fulfill God's law so hard and high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.

Then justly; in mercy we'll humbly walk with God.

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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

All remain standing.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.**

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "For your blessing and guidance, *we give you thanks.*"

God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.
Silence.

For your blessing and guidance,
People: **We give you thanks.**

Intercessor: God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others. *Silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,
People: **We give you thanks.**

Intercessor: God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth. *Silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,
People: **We give you thanks.**

Intercessor: God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors.
Silence.

For your blessing and guidance,
People: **We give you thanks.**

Intercessor: God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life for all those suffering and sick. *The people are invited to add their petitions and thanksgiving, followed by silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,
People: **We give you thanks.**

Intercessor: God, bless the dying and the dead. May their reward be great in heaven. Give to those who now mourn the blessing of your comfort. *Silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,
People: **We give you thanks.**

Silence. Then, the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

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

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP p. 360

All stand

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

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Sentence

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The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Music

Remember your servants, Lord

Russian Orthodox

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

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.

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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The People remain standing.

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

See pew card.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

See pew card.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 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.

The Great Amen

See pew card.

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

See pew card.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation

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The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God, and we are the people of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Music at Communion

Hymnal 1982 – 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

- 1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.
- 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
here all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
- 3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled,
but to console,

nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

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Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist, _____ will take the
Eucharist to _____ today.

**All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these
holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one
body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

Wonder, Love & Praise – 782

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

Abbot's Leigh

1 Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy to set sin's captives free,
hope to heal the brokenhearted, peace to share love's liberty.
Through us bring your balm of gladness to the wounded and oppressed;
help us claim and show God's favor as a people called and blessed.

2 Word made flesh, who gave up glory to become our great high priest,
taking on our human nature to redeem the last and least:
let your courage and compassion shape and guide our ministries;
as our Savior and our Shepherd, lead us to the truth that frees.

3 Loving God, who birthed creation from the nothingness of space,
kindling life where all was empty, turning chaos into grace:
when we feel confused and fruitless, dawn upon our restless night;
give us faith's imagination, hope's renewing, love's delight.

4 Triune God, eternal Being, never ending, unbegun,
boundless grace and perfect justice, righteous and forgiving One:
so enfold us in your mercy that our wills and yours unite;
through us may the world behold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

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Dismissal

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Deacon offers the Dismissal, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God.

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Abbot's Leigh

Cyril V. Taylor/arr. Paul Manz

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**The flowers on the altar today are given by the Benshoffs
to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving
for all the ancestors of Kris and Al Benshoff.**

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Note on Today's Readings | *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A*

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. In today's Eucharist, we continue the theme of Epiphany season: the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God. One of the ways the Lord was shown forth as God's Son was in teaching, and today's Gospel, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, reveals in the Beatitudes Christ's call to holiness, and his promise of the Kingdom of God.

The Old Testament reading from the prophet Micah is a call from God to holiness, as well. In its closing words, we hear the same principles of living in response to God expressed in the Beatitudes.

Certainly, Jesus' hearers, steeped as they were in the words of the prophets, saw immediately that God was speaking through him in many ways consistent with the divine Word given through the prophets. Ultimately, however, it was not in his teaching that the fullest revelation was made by the Lord, but in his crucifixion.

Paul, seeking to inspire the Corinthian church to unity, points out that God's wisdom was most fully revealed in the cross of Christ. What, in terms of the world's wisdom, appeared to be foolishness, is to us who believe, God's deepest wisdom.

As we gather in Eucharist, we are one with God's people throughout the ages. We are one with apostles and prophets and faithful people in every age who have met the Lord in Word and Sacrament: people who by God's grace have before us the blessedness of and promise of God's coming reign.

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