

Trinity Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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9:30 a.m.



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The Word of the Lord

Prelude	<i>Prelude in E-flat major</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
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Opening Hymn #492	<i>Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness</i>
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Opening Sentences

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

People: And blessed be God's 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. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis S 277 (<i>service music, marked with S, is found in the front of the blue hymnal</i>)
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God 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.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Reader: A reading from the book of 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 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?" 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 God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Priest: Please join me in reciting Psalm 15, responding with the italicized verses.

1 God, 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 their heart.*

3 There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to their friend; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbor.

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

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

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

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Reader: A reading from the 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 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."
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #605

What does the Lord require?

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Celebrant: 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 Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Priest's Annual Report and Sermon	The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi
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The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

People: 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.

Intercession Prayers	from <i>Daily Prayer for All Seasons</i>
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Reader: Jesus, you are the light of the world: May your light open our eyes to see those in need. We pray especially for **Ray and Priscilla, John, Michael, Lynn, Cam, Mary Ann, Laurie, Patricia, Nanci**. We also pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessing's necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well-being.

God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus, you are the light of the world: May the works of our lives demonstrate your love. We pray for **The Church of Pakistan (United); Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls; the Rev. Steven Fuller, the Rev. Fran Stanford, Support Priest**. We also pray for Sarah, our priest, and all the missions and ministries of our congregation.

God, bless our labors,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus, you are the light of the world: May your wisdom enlighten our decisions. We

pray for our leaders: the Vestry and wardens as well as our staff.

God, in your wisdom,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus, you are the light of the world, hear the prayers of our hearts. We pray for those who have died, **especially Mark Eitapence who died last week**. And we pray for those who live, especially those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, we rejoice with: **Joann Turnbell, David Searles, Ashley Blair, Bernice Denehan, John Cassarino, Senan Pol, Pat Garcia, Tammy Hawkins, Carol Minogue**.

God, meet us in our mourning and in our rejoicing,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: As you enlighten our lives, may we be light for others. Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light for our path.

Celebrant: Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people: So stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

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

All: God of all mercy, 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world! (To ensure you receive a giving statement, please ask for offering envelopes or write your name on a plain envelope containing your gift.) Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle near the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

He Come to Us

Jane Marshall; text by Albert Schweitzer

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to our God.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*
Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*
Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*
Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*
Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S 124

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: *We remember his death and celebrate his resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant: God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: (Rite I version)

*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.*

(Rite II version)

*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.*

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation

from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Celebrant: Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and, and you who have failed. Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All are welcome to proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. The priest will distribute the bread (or gluten free wafer upon request) and the Chalice Assistant the wine (or grape juice upon request). Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Communion Anthem

The Beatitudes

from *the Russian Orthodox liturgy*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #594

God of grace and God of glory

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

God of grace and God of glory

Paul Manz

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.