

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*February 1, 2026 • 10:30 am
+ Holy Eucharist*



Welcome

- Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* BWV 731

J. S. Bach

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

Hymn 440 *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

Opening Acclamation

celebrant

Bless-ed be God: most holy, glorious, and undi- vi- ded Tri-ni-ty.
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ev- er. A- men.

Collect for Purity

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 • S 278

Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For

A musical score for a hymn. The top line starts with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord," with a fermata over the final note. The second line starts with a bass clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the". The third line starts with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of". The fourth line starts with a bass clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "God the Fa - ther. A - men." The score includes various musical markings such as slurs, grace notes, and dynamic changes.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

celebrant

people

celebrant

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.

A - men.

- *all be seated*

First Reading 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 God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading 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.

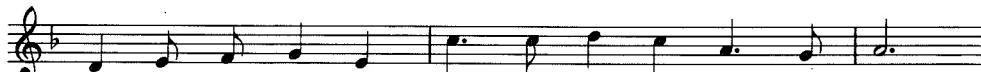
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 605 *What does the Lord require*



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
Then just - ly, in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



Final Ending

hum - bly walk with God.

Words: Albert F. Bayly (b. 1901), alt.

Music: Sharphorne, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

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Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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

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.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Canon Amy Real Coulter

Nicene Creed • BCP 358 • *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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

- *the deacon says:*

Almighty God, who proclaimed Jesus as your Son at his baptism, help us to proclaim Him daily, saying 'Lord, give us your blessing and strength.'

- *the intercessor continues:*

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, for all who minister to God's people, and for the ancient churches of the East, saying

Lord, give us your blessing and strength.

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Trump, Vice President Vance, Governors Beshear and Braun, that led by the light of your grace, we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

Lord, give us your blessing and strength.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, West Africa, Sudan, the Middle East and Venezuela, saying

Lord, give us your blessing and strength.

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of hunger and natural disasters, for all victims of war, for all refugees, and those displaced by oppressive governments, saying

Lord, give us your blessing and strength.

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, specially Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Carlos LaGantta, Ginger Shackleton, Dean Weller and Ann Vellom, for those who celebrate birthdays, Carol Brown, Graham Whatley and Becky House, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud , as we say

Lord, give us your blessing and strength.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Bob Huffman and Frazier Marsh, for those who are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud, , that they may behold your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

Lord, give us your blessing and strength.

- *the celebrant concludes:*

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Confession • *bidden by the deacon*

Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Absolution • *declared by the 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 • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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Offertory Anthem *Beati mundo corde*

Grayston Ives

Beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.
Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur.
Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter justitiam,
quoniam ipsorum est regnum coelorum.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

— Matthew 5:8-10



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B • Expansive Language

celebrant God be with you. 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Savior.

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 S 128

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.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Great Amen



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *contemporary 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem WLP 866

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.
- if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest
- gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest

• for those attending virtually

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

LM

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Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

- *deacon*

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 Body and Blood of Christ.

- *people*

We are all one Body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

- *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Concluding Hymn 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

*6 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)
Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

SM with Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

serving today . . .

Rev. Canon Amy Real Coultas, *celebrant*

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *deant*

The Rev. Charles Myers, *associate dean*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*

Jerry Brown, Blossom Marshall, *lectors*

Susan Shockey, *intercessor*

Susan Shockey, Brenda Runner, John Werst, Mike Foster, *eucharistic ministers*

Lea Ann Garbrough, Betty Lynn Williams, *eucharistic visitors*

Kim McDaniel, Louise Isaacs, Carolyn VanZant *acolytes*

Ben Wilson, Betsy Marker, *altar guild*

Lea Ann Gargrough, Kirt Jacobs, Susan Torok, *greeters/ushers*

John Kiesel, *bell ringer*

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... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord

Joshua 24:15

Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.





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