

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023 8:45 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Music for Epiphany 4

Opening Hymn

Blest are They

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1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. (Refrain)
3. Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! (Refrain)
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)
5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Refrain)

Text: Matthew 5:3-12; David Haas, b.1957

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son – And to the Spirit, the heavenly Dove, the everlasting Three in One. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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 Lessons

The First Reading –*Micah 6:1-8*

¹Hear what the LORD says: “Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, 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.” ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For 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. ⁵O 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? ⁷Will 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?" ⁸He 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?

The Psalm – Psalm 15

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.**

The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider 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. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel Acclamation – *The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in him I trust, in him I trust.*

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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 righteousness' sake, 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospel Response – *The Lord is My Light*

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in BCP

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Verse 1: It all comes down to this. What you require of me, love my neighbor as myself and You above all things

Chorus: Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God

In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

Verse 2: It all comes down to this. To be Your hands and feet. Good news to all the world. The truth will set us free

Bridge: It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing, it's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven

Verse 3: Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown. Faith just like a seed, The only way it grows

Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Pat Barrett

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

The Compassion Hymn

Verse 1: There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the radiance of heaven Came to rescue the lost
You called the sheep without A shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness And the shade of Your rest

Verse 2: And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You And the dead breathed again
You saw behind the eyes of Sorrow and shared in our tears
Heard the sigh of the weary Let the children draw near

Chorus: What boundless love what fathomless grace You have shown us O God of
compassion. Each day we live an off'ring of praise as we show to the world Your
compassion.

Verse 3: We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry And gazed on Your face
At the thorns of oppression And the wounds of disgrace
For surely You have borne our suff'ring And carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer And showed grace to the thief

Verse 4: How beautiful the feet That carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice And the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing To answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless With the mercy of Christ

Post Communion Prayer

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

Closing Hymn

Lead Me, Lord (verses 1, 2)

1987, John D. Becker

Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek
and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

Verse 1: Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world. (Refrain)

Verse 2: Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied. (Refrain)

Dismissal

Postlude

Lead Me, Lord (verse 3)

Verse 3: Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven, great is your reward. (Refrain)

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