



# SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**February 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.**

## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In-person**

The Rev. Michelle Werner, Rector

Mr. John Potter, Music Minister

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### Collect of the Day,

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit**

Let us Pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson | Micah 6:1-8

### *God Challenges Israel: What God Requires*

A reading from Micah, chapter 6, verses 1 through 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 the church. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalter | 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

### *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church at Corinth, chapter 1, verses 18 through 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."

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### **Holy Gospel | Matthew 5: 1-12**

### *The Beatitudes*

*Priest* 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sending Hymn**      H-82 #556

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

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**Postlude**      *Toccata in F Major*

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# Announcements - February 1, 2026

- ★ **Welcome to St George's Church!** Our Worship schedule includes Services at 08:30am and 10:15am in the Church. Both services will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel (accessible from our website and our Facebook page) in each month according to the following pattern:
  - 1st Sunday - 08:30 am Rite I Service
  - 2nd/3rd/4th/(5th) Sundays - 10:15 am Rite II Service.
- ★ **Healing Prayer will be offered at both services on Feb 1 & 22** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Chosen Season 4 begins today.** Join us after the 10:15 service for lunch, a watch party and discussion. Please sign-up if you want to attend future sessions so we know how much food to get.
- ★ **Souper Bowl of Caring is Feb 8.** Please bring in soup and other non-perishable items for Community Sharing in Highland. We will also be "feeding the fish" to support their important work in our community.
- ★ **Painting with Ruth - Saturday Feb 7 at 2:00pm** - exercise your artistry and join us for this fun LOK sponsored event. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by Feb 1.
- ★ **Outreach Committee Meeting Thursday Feb 5 at 11:00am**
- ★ **ECW Meeting Tuesday Feb 10 at 11:00am**
- ★ **Altar flower sign-up is available for 2026. Sign up in the Narthex now.**

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