

The Word of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (Liebster Jesu)*
(H 440)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY
(BCP p. 355)

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)* (S 280)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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

FIRST READING: *Micah 6:1-8*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (simplified chant)

¹Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy | hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is | right, * who speaks the truth from his | heart.

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his | friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his | neighbor.

⁴In his sight the wicked is re- | jected, * but he honors those who fear the | Lord.

⁵He has sworn to do no | wrong * and does not take back his | word.

⁶He does not give his money in hope of | gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the | innocent.

⁷Whoever does | these things * shall never be over- | thrown.

⁸Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is | right, * who speaks the truth from his | heart.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT *Help us, O Lord, to learn (St. Ethelwald)* (H 628, v. 1)

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE *Help us, O Lord, to learn (St. Ethelwald)*
(H 628, v. 2 & 3)

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP Form III p. 387)

CONFSSION OF SIN (BCP p. 393)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Prayer of Saint Francis

René Clausen (born 1953)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, help me to pardon.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.

O lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and in pard'ning that we are pardoned.

For in dying we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

- attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th* (H 380, v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCARISTIC PRAYER C (BCP p. 369)

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)* (S 125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Christ Our Passover* (S155)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - 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.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN *All who love and serve your city*
(*Birabus*) (H 570)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365 or p. 366)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

RECESSSIONAL HYMN *Rejoice, ye pure in heart* (*Marion*)
(H 556, v. 1-5 only)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship in our Upper Room
for a luncheon for Fr John.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of England.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Francis Episcopal Church, Edisto Island; The Very Rev. Joseph Smith, Rector.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Gene & Carolyn Vereen.

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What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

Welcome! We warmly welcome with open arms all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better.

NOTES: BCP is The Book of Common Prayer, the book with the gold cross. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.