

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday in Epiphanytide

Sunday of the Annual Meeting

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

FEBRUARY I, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Air from 'Suite for Organ' – Florence B. Price (1887 – 1953)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 517

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

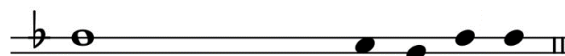
Music: *Brother Jame's Air*, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, whose radiance fills the whole earth.

The People respond



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.

SONG OF PRAISE

A musical score for a song of praise, consisting of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves.

1. I'm so glad _____ Je-sus lift-ed me _____ I'm so glad _____
glad that lift-ed so glad that
Je-sus lift-ed me _____ I'm so glad _____ Je-sus lift-ed me sing-ing
Lord so glad that
glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah _____ Je - sus lift - ed me. _____

2. Satan had me bound (Jesus lifted me).

3. When I was in sin (Jesus lifted me).

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, teach us the hidden wisdom of the gospel, so that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first the blessedness of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

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 case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against 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.”

And I said, “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 the People.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *stand and turn toward the Deacon as the Gospel is brought among the People.* Hymn 656

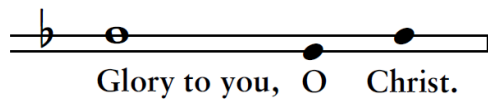
1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792–1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793–1861), alt.

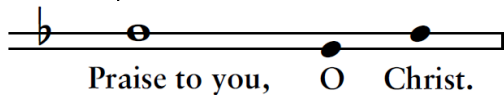
Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691–1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And 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 the sake of righteousness, 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.



A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Creed is not used on this day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During Black History Month we will be using prayers that focus on God's indiscriminate, inclusive, and liberating love and mercy, and our call to follow in this way.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for the witness of Black leaders, prophets, and saints who call us to seek justice and love mercy.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your Church, gathered in every land and culture. Strengthen us to reflect your justice and love, proclaim the dignity of every person, and bear witness to your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and all in authority. Guide leaders to work for equity, reconciliation, and peace, that your vision of justice may shape their decisions. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the rich contributions of Black communities throughout history, for their resilience, creativity, and leadership. Inspire us to honor and preserve these legacies in our shared story. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer from racism, discrimination, or injustice. Break the chains of oppression and give us courage to challenge inequity in our lives and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of St. Paul's on the Green, that we may walk in the light of your truth and embody the radical welcome of Jesus Christ, building a world where all are valued and loved. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Deacon says

Loving God, we pray for those who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of need, especially those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *(Pause for intercessions.)* We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. *(Pause for intercessions.)* May they know your comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, you have made us one human family in your image and called us to live as your children. Guide us by your Spirit to be a Church that celebrates diversity, confronts injustice, and seeks your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE INVESTITURE OF EDRICE VIECHWEG AS DEACON AT ST. PAUL'S *seated*

THE PEACE

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

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Nunc Dimittis from *Evening Service in D*

George Dyson (1883 - 1964)

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam -
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -

ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Ies - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,

and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God 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. From the beginning, you made all humanity in your image, declaring us your beloved children. Through trials and triumphs, you have walked with your people, guiding us by your Spirit of freedom and truth. We give you thanks for the sacred witness of Black women, men, and children, who reflected your light in the darkness. In the face of enslavement, oppression, and injustice, they proclaimed your liberation. Through their courage, faith, and resilience, they revealed your glory. With them, and all the company of heaven, we join in their song of praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en 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,

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Grayson Warren Brown

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God, in your love you made us for yourself. When we had fallen into sin and death, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to share our humanity and proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

Born of a woman, raised among the poor, and baptized in the waters of liberation, Jesus brought light to those in shadow. He broke bread with the outcast, healed the sick, and lifted the brokenhearted. In his life, death, and resurrection, you showed us the way of reconciliation and the power of love to overcome hatred.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus gathered his friends. He took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

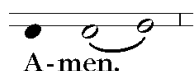
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, offering these gifts of bread and wine. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also, that we may be strengthened to walk in the way of love.

Grant that, guided by your Spirit, we may honor the legacy of those who came before us, shine your light in our time, work for justice and peace, proclaim freedom to the captive, comfort the mourning, and share the good news of your reign with all.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Unison

Our Fa - ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-
give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al, and de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Mass for Grace*

Dr. Carl Haywood is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and is an accomplished organist, conductor, and prolific composer of church music. Dr. Haywood holds an undergraduate degree from Norfolk State University and two Masters degrees in Choral Conducting and Organ Performance from Southern Methodist University, as well as a Doctorate of Musical arts Degree from the University of Southern California. Dr. Haywood serves as Director of Choral Activities at NSU and the National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History. This setting of the Lord's Prayer comes from his "Mass for Grace."

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace.

Setting: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (1930-2016)

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis was a pianist, singer, composer, arranger, harpsichordist, organist and music teacher. The bulk of her work was as a musician and composer of dance music. Marjorie was one of the first African-American graduates of The Juilliard School of Music. In 1954 she joined the Aubrey Hitchins Dance School, where she discovered her passion for ballet music. She became famous as a rehearsal pianist for ballet schools in the mid-1960's and worked in this field for many years. Over the course of her distinguished career, she worked with Agnes de Mille as rehearsal pianist for the American Ballet Theater.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Lord make us servants of your peace

Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923–1979)

Text: James Quinn (b. 1919), St. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

Lord, make us servants of your peace;
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the God who created you in love,
the Christ who redeems you with grace,
and the Spirit who strengthens you with power,
bless you to walk in the way of justice and love,
this day and always.

Amen.

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: Mowsley, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

THE SENDING

Go forth in the light of God's justice and peace.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sortie – Fughetta from “10 Pieces for Organ” – Theodore Dubois (1837 – 1924)

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