

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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11:00 a.m.



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The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

The Organ Voluntary

Matins

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 598

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1 Lord Christ, when first You came to earth,
Upon a cross they bound You,
And mocked Your saving kingship then
By thorn with which they crowned You;
And still our wrongs may weave You now
New thorns to pierce that steady brow,
And robe of sorrow round You.

2 O wondrous love, which found no room
In life, where sin denied You,
And, doomed to death, must bring to doom
The power which crucified You,
Till not a stone was left on stone,
And all a nation's pride, o'erthrown,
Went down to dust beside You.

3 New advent of the love of Christ,
Shall we again refuse You,
Till in the night of hate and war
We perish as we lose You?
From old unfaith our souls release
To seek the kingdom of Your peace,
By which alone we choose You.

4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build
In us Your new creation;
Our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
We wait Your revelation.
O Love that triumphs over loss,
We bring our hearts before Your cross;
Come, finish Your salvation.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant †Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant and People

WLP 900

Gloria in excelsis

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The 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 people sit.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

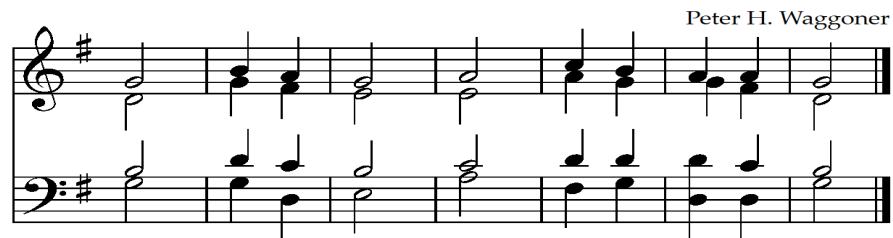
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 71:1-6

In te, Domine, speravi



- 1 In you, O LORD, have I | taken | refuge; *
let me | never | be a- | shamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me | free; *
incline your | ear to | me and | save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me | safe; *
you are my | cräg | and my | stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the | hand • of the | wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer | änd | the o- | ppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, | O LORD | God, *
my confidence | since | I was | young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have | been my | strength; *
my praise shall be | ä|- | ways of | you.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence

Hymn 440

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- 1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

The Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Terri Brice

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the health and safety of those men and women who serve in the Armed Forces: Stovall Knight and Chandler Celluzi.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We celebrate with those who have birthdays and anniversaries this week: Laura Harper, Bob Rutters, Nancy Zerbe, Kevin & Amy Beavers.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: The Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, the son of Cynthia Clark and his family, Steve Shinall, Beth Travers, Richard Williams, Donavon & China Williams, Kimberly Gottardi, Kendall Thomas, George Chesnut, Sandy Rutters, Sarah McLeod, Kathy Vaughn, David Ronn, Janet Whitner, and Sam Hood.

We pray also for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound: Myrtice Knight, John Youd and Houston Suggs.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest: Kay Suits.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

†Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Parish Notices

The Offertory Anthem

I sat down

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

The Presentation

Hymn 379

Abbot's Leigh

1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

- 2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
 all the world in one embrace:
 with unfailing grasp God holds us,
 every child of every race.
 And when human hearts are breaking
 under sorrow's iron rod,
 then we find that selfsame aching
 deep within the heart of God.
- 3 God is Love; and though with blindness
 sin afflicts all human life,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 guides us through our earthly strife.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 o'er us final triumph gain;
 God is Love, so Love for ever
 o'er the universe must reign.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Celebrant continues

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

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal lowed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth — as in hea - ven.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -
li-ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men. A - men.

Setting: Barry McLeod, from *Mass for the Church of the Ascension*, © 2007 Barry McLeod

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant and People

Fraction Anthem

WLP 875

e known to us

Gary James (b. 1957)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
Is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain

One body are we, alleluia,
For though many we share one bread.

Refrain

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn 505

O heiliger Geist

- 1 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
in every need thou bringest aid;
thou comest forth from God's great throne,
from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
- 2 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
increase our faith in our dear Lord;
unless thy grace the power should give,
none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
- 3 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
make us to love thy sacred word;
the holy flame of love impart,
that charity may warm each heart;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
- 4 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
enlighten us by that same word;
teach us to know the Father's love,
and his dear Son, who reigns above;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Dues ibi est.

If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 688

Ein feste Burg

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his Name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us;
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us;
the prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is for ever.

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress

Timothy Albrecht (b. 1952)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

The Altar Flowers are given by
Keith and Candy Limardo
to the Glory of God
and in Memory of Richard Peek
and in Thanksgiving for Taylor Limardo.

*There are opportunities available for
you to dedicate Altar Flowers on:
February 6*

You are called to ministry!

There is a place for you in one of the following ministries. Please contact the ministry leaders listed for more information about where your gifts may fit to strengthen our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure. If not sure where to start call the church office.

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Calendar of Events

February 4, 2022 – Mardi Gras Gala, 7 – 11 pm

February 6, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
 10:00am International Breakfast
 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 11, 2022 – Coffee House, 7 – 9 pm

February 13, 2022 – The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 20, 2022 – The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 27, 2022 – The Last Sunday after Epiphany
 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
 11:00am Lessons and Carols & Holy Eucharist
 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

March 6, 2022 – The First Sunday of Lent
 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall