GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2023–11:00am

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THE WORD OF GOD



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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

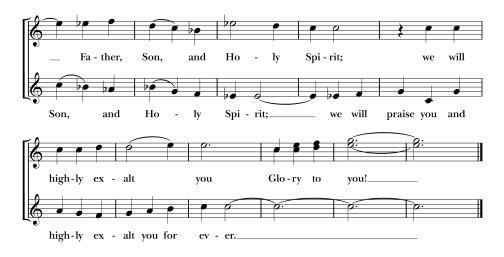
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 236

J. Rutter

All:





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be 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*.

People: And also with you.

THE LESSONS (Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING
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 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?

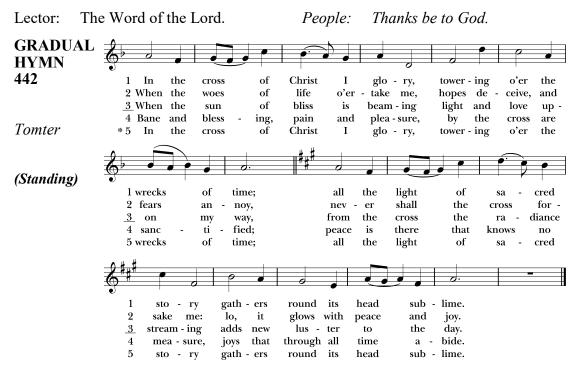
Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 15 (Sung by the Choir)

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
- Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
- There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 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.

Chant: John Goss

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."



THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (All Stand, as able)

All: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Subdeacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name

may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for ourselves and for our ministries; for our rector, Dustin, our postulant to the diaconate, Lainie, our vestry, lay leadership, and all of our parish family. Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may

honor one another and serve the common good. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in

the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and

love one another as he loves us. Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their

troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially all who have suffered from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; those who have died and those exposed or isolated

by this disease. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially all who have died in the

service of our country, victims of gun violence, and Frederick Doller, Leonard L. Hunt, Arthur M. Selvey, Helen Selvey, Richard J. Wolf, Maynard Halliday, and Betty Kelly Barraclough, in whose memory the flowers this morning are lovingly offered. May your will for them may be fulfilled; and

we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pause and reflect on our dependence on God and offer silently or aloud our own

intercessions or thanksgivings....

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (Sung by the Choir)

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?

Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel.

steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen. Do not be sorrowful or regretful;

Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content.mWhat do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours.

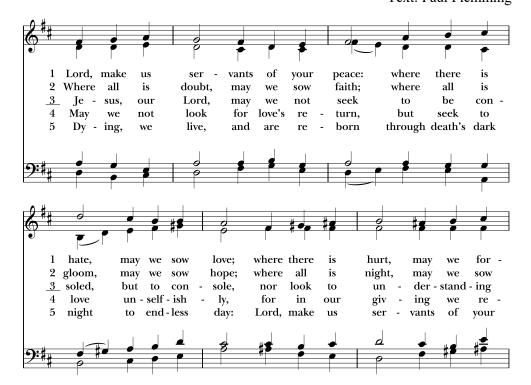
Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen

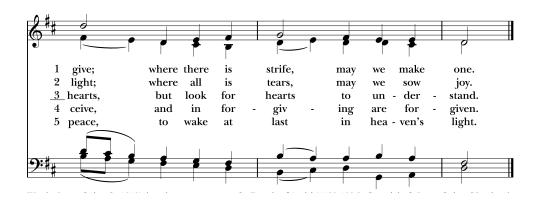
Music: Johannes Brahms Text: Paul Flemming

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

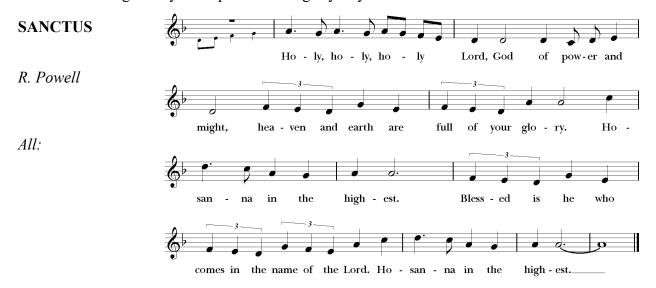
Eucharistic Prayer A



It is right

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

to give him thanks and praise.



Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

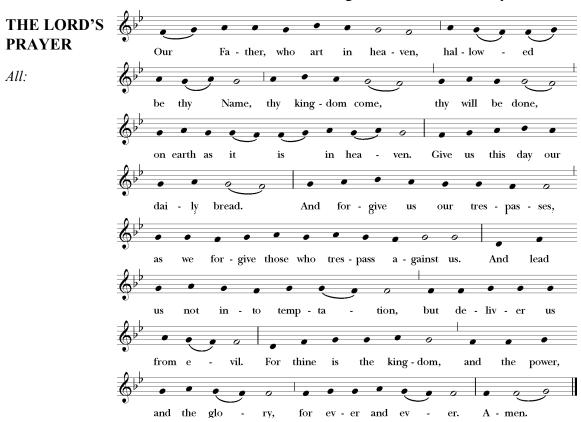
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and 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 we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

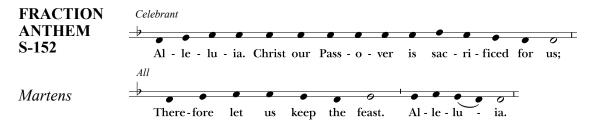
Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

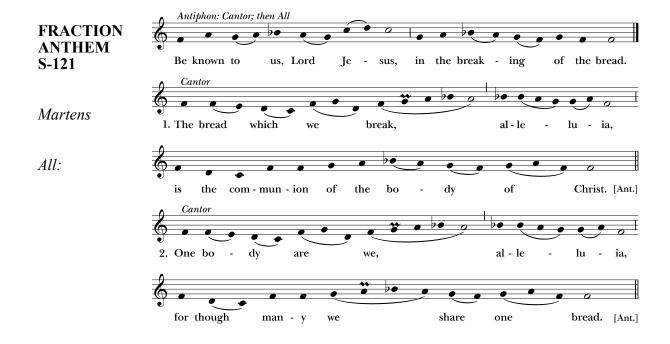
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



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





Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

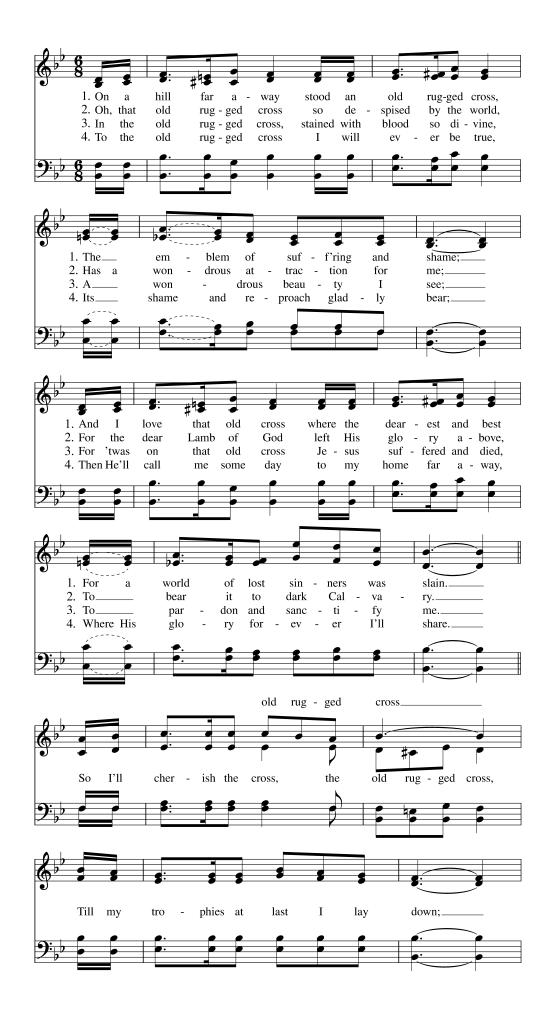
ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION (Sung by the Choir)

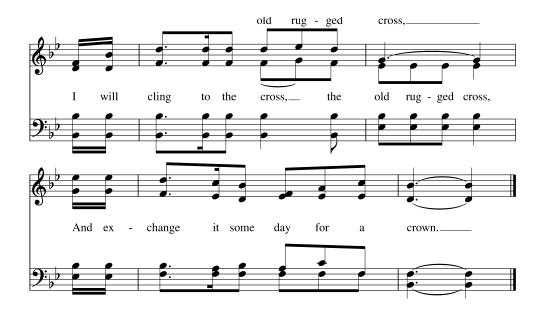
Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode. The Lord, who left the heavens Our life and peace to bring, To dwell in lowliness with men Their Pattern and their King. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart; And for His cradle and His throne Chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we Thy presence seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for Thee.

Music: H. Walford Davies Text: John Keble

COMMUNION HYMN

G. Bennerd





THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Stand, as able.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and

remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 437

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