

# **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 29, 2017**



## **GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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8:00 A.M.	Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)
10:30 A.M.	Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)
Prelude:	
Opening Hymn: <i>In the cross if Christ I glory</i>	441, vs 1-3 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation	
Gloria:	S 278 (blue book)
Collect of the Day	
I reading: Micah 6:1-8	
Psalm 15	
II reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
Gradual Hymn: <i>Blest are the pure in heart</i>	656 (blue book)
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-2	
Homily	The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed	358 (red book)
Prayers of the People	388 (red book)
Confession	360 (red book)
The Peace	
Presentation of Gifts:	
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	Hymn 43 (v.4)
praise him. All creatures here below;	
praise him above, ye heavenly host;	
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	
The Great Thanksgiving	367 (red book)
Sanctus: <i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	S 128 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem: <i>Christ our Passover</i>	S154 (front blue book)

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant “gluten-free”.*

Communion Music:

*When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to be present, they are sent at this time.*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

*People:* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer 366 (red book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Christ is the world’s true Light* 542 (blue book)

Dismissal 366 (red book)

Postlude:

## **THE COLLECT**

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.*

## **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?

## 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.



## **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

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.”

## MATTHEW 5:1-12

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.”

### GRACE’S MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking  
and serving Christ in all persons.*

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## **WELCOME TO GRACE**

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.