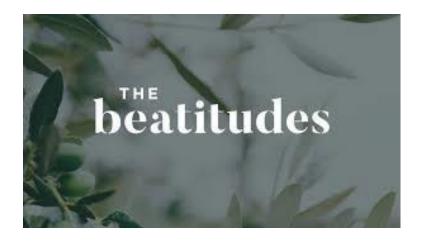
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.



As we gather before the service begins, we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.

Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Pastorale Arcangelo Corelli

Trish Rooney, Organist

Processional Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymn #616

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People:* And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

The 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

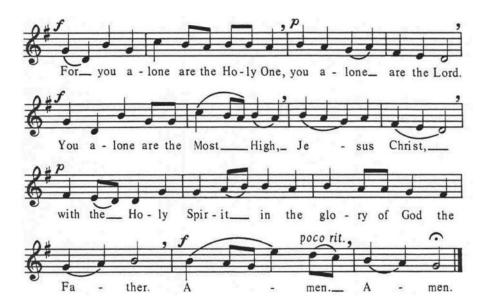
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Gloria in Excelsis



(cont.)



(standing)

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 Lessons

Old Testament A Reading from the Prophet Micah

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?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 15

- 1 LORD, who may dwell / in your tabernacle? * who may abide u-/pon 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 con-/tempt 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.
- Glory to the Father and / to the Son,*
 And / to the Holy Spirit.
- As it was in the be-/ginning, is now,* And will / be for ever. Amen.

Epistle

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

I 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart

Hymn #656

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 5:1-12

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."

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

Message

Steven KinCannon, Seminarian

Nicene Creed

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

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael and for our Bishop Paula; for this gathering; for today's Annual Meeting; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for those whose lives have been lost through gun violence, especially Half Moon Bay, Monterey Park, Des Moines, Rockford, and Ukraine, and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Nancy, Kylla, Patrick, Karen, Ann, Linnea, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Danny & Gale Degner (02/01).

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Russell, Ruth, and Mark.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(you may kneel or be seated)

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.

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 and Announcements

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Blessed, How Blessed

Cherwien

Blessed, how blessed, those who thirst for goodness, open and hoping for God's righteous rain: God sends forth rivers to water the desert; God's love lasts ever; how blessed are they.

Blessed, how blessed, those who sigh in sorrow, furrowed and harrowed by sadness and pain: God walks beside them and enters their absence; God's voice gives solace; how blessed are they.

Blessed, how blessed, those who live in mercy, giving, receiving from God's warming grace: God's sunlight blesses all those who love kindness; love never ceases; how blessed are they.

Blessed, how blessed, those who work for concord, nation and neighbor abandon the blade: Sword turns to plowshare, and fortress, to forest; all in God's Oneness; how blessed are they.

Here God is reigning, here God's love sustaining, where all the blessed see God's dawning day: Wounded and grounded, by mercy surrounded, foretaste and harvest; how blessed are they. How blessed are they.

Offertory Response

Hymn #124

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To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

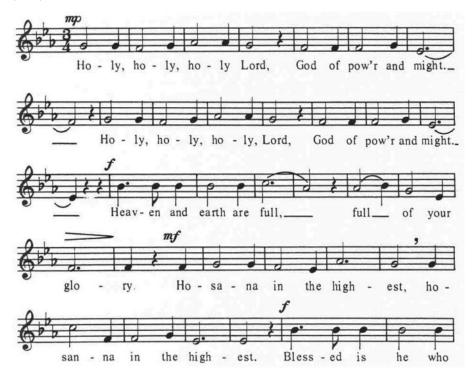
Eucharistic Prayer A



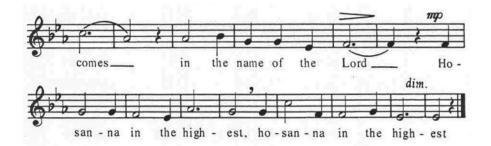
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Sanctus



(cont.)



(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **H**oly and gracious Father: 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 faith:

Celebrant and People:

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.

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Remember your servants

Hymn #560

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

All praise to thee

Hymn #477

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Opus 3 William Felton

Announcements

The Annual Meeting is following today's service.

Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 14th at 7pm on Zoom. Book Group will delve into the classics, reading O Pioneers by Willa Cather. Published in 1918, it was enthusiastically received and placed Cather at the forefront of novelists. Today, it is considered her first masterpiece. Cather was praised for bringing the American West to life and making it personally interesting. The novel tells the stories of an orphaned boy from Virginia, Jim Burden, and the elder daughter in a family of Bohemian immigrants, Ántonia Shimerda, who are each brought as children to be pioneers in Nebraska towards the end of the 19th century.

<u>Save the date: Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday February 21, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm.</u> This is a family-friendly event. Bring an appetizer or dessert, beverages provided.

<u>Sunday, February 19th after the 10:30 service, the children will gather in the undercroft and create</u> <u>an Alleluia banner.</u> On the First Sunday in Lent, the banner will be buried and brought out again on Easter Sunday. This reminds us we do not use the acclamation "Alleluia" for the season of Lent.

<u>Volunteers for the Soup Kitchen needed on February 4th.</u> Please call John Birnbaum for more information at 815-209-6822.

<u>Tickets are now available for The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde for February 23-26!</u> Tickets for this event can be purchased at: ticketor.com/rockforduniversity. We hope to see you there! Appearances by our choral scholars, Emmarie Wilson, Jake Rogers, and Joshua Ponsones.

The Importance of Being Earnest
February 23 – 26, 2023 (Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 pm; Sunday 2 pm)
Maddox Theatre, Clark Arts Center
Director, Prof. Deborah Mogford

Wilde referred to this play as "a trivial comedy for serious people." This is a farcical comedy with witty, quick paced dialogue and situations dealing with love, lovers, mistaken identity, an outrageous parent, and a host of unusual comic characters. This is one of Oscar Wilde's enduring plays.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:00 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa

Old Testament: Tyler Hillman Epistle: Mary Dammann

Prayers of the People: Stacey LaRosa

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