



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

January 29, 2023

The Holy Eucharist: Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

10:15 AM

Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Marjorie S. Bevans

Assisting today: Acolytes: Yazmin Allander, Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith

Lessons: Linda Crocker

Service Assistant: Bob Crocker

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

Pianist: David Cooper

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

Prelude

The Word of God

Processional Hymn #441

“In the cross of Christ I glory”

*Rathbun*

*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.

*The Celebrant may say*

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 #S280

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says 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.*

### The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah (6:1-8) (Bible, Old Testament – pg.672)

“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?”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to 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.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-31) (Bible – New Testament, pg. 127)  
“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.”

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.  
*People*             Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn #656

“Blest are the pure in heart”

*Franconia*

Celtic Alleluia

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12) (Bible pg. 3)

*People (sing)* 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.”

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People (sing)* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Marjorie S. Bevans

## The 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 – Form III

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

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

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

Give to (Robin Hemingway and) all the departed eternal rest;  
*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.*

### *Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List*

The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	John Lathrop - healing
Amanda Morris – tests	Gene Sheppard - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Sally Davis – healing	Jordan Tingler – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – MS	Mandi Parson – healing
David Cottrill - healing	Carol Lathrop – healing	Ann Stevens – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Carl Slusher – healing
Diane Cottrill – healing	Jennifer Conaway – healing	Sherry Wheeler - healing

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*  
Nathan Jones, Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder

*Those needing healing from cancer*

Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	Jean Singer	Kathy Castevetere	Judy McCoy
Phyllis Williams	Colette Pawlik	Paul Rutledge	Tabitha Arceneaux	Cleve Wigal

Birthdays: Roberta Green, Heyward Roberts

Thanksgiving for the remission from cancer for Mitchell Lowe

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Timothy's-in-the-Valley, Hurricane and Trinity Church, Morgantown

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God in celebration of his wife, Roberta Green's, birthday by Hal Foss.

### A Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and Everlasting God, hear our prayers and grant to this parish all things necessary for its spiritual well-being: enlighten and guide our leaders, our clergy, wardens, and vestry; strengthen and increase the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and renew the hard-hearted or careless, bring again those who have wandered; remove from us anything that resists your grace or hinders your purposes; make all of us one united voice to sing your praise and to give witness to your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from the Saint Augustine's Prayer Book)

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem "Remember your servants, Lord" (choir) *Beatitudes*

Presentation Hymn (pg.8) "Take Our Bread"

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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*

Sanctus #S130

*The people stand or kneel. Then 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 (\_\_\_\_\_) and) 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.

**The Great Amen** (sung by the Choir)

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Anthem #S164

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.*

Spiritual Communion (*Prayer offered by Mother Marjorie on behalf of our online participants.*)

Communion Hymn #593      “Lord, make us servants of your peace”      *Dickinson College*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* 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.

Birthday blessings: *Roberta Green, Heyward Roberts*

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn #438      “Tell out, my soul”      *Woodlands*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

*Deacon*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Presentation Hymn "Take Our Bread"

Refrain (Unison)

C Am Dm7 G7

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

C Dm G G7 C Fine

Take our lives, O Fa-ther, we are yours, we are yours.

C Am C Am

1. Yours as we stand at the ta - ble you set;  
2. Your ho - ly peo - ple stand - ing washed in your blood,

C F Dm G7

yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't for-get.  
Spir - it - filled yet hun - gry we a - wait your food. We are

C Am C Am

We are the sign of your life with us yet,  
poor, but we've brought our-selves the best we could;

Dm7 G

we are yours, we are yours.

WORDS: Joe Wise, 1966  
MUSIC: Joe Wise, 1966

TAKE OUR BREAD  
Irr. with Refrain

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flower Open Sundays** are Feb. 5 & 19 for one or two vases each Sunday. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please let Ginger in the office know. Cost is \$50 for one vase, \$100 for 2 vases. If you would like to put flowers in the columbarium, the cost is \$20.

**End of Year 2022 Pledge Statements** are available in the Narthex for you to pick up. Any not picked up today will be mailed tomorrow. Please save us the postage by picking yours up.

**Bible Study** Tuesday nights at 6PM, studying Leviticus and Wednesday night at 7 PM, studying the Acts of the Apostles with a study book written by Bishop Tom Wright. Please feel free to join the group.

**Last Sunday Supper** is TODAY. We could use your help no matter how long you are able to be here. We begin cooking and setup at 1PM and servers are asked to be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30PM.

**Prayer List has been updated.** Typically, people are left on the prayer list for two consecutive weeks then they are removed unless we are given an update on their needs. Notify Ginger if you need to place someone on the prayer list. Please remember to update us every two weeks.