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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

“A Word on Worship” & Announcements

Voluntary

Opening Hymn- Hymnal #436 Lift up your heads

Please stand as able; (Procession)
you may bow your
head as the cross and
the gospel process.

Opening Acclamation

Remain standing as
able. You may make
the Sign of cross at ✠

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

Collect for Purity

Remain standing as
able.

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.**

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Remain standing as
able

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect changes to
reflect the lessons of
the day. It “collects”
the themes in one
prayer.

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 Liturgy of the Word

Reading from the Book of Micah (Micah 6:1-8)

Please be seated

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.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (Psalm 15)

Remain seated

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 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.

Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

Remain seated.

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.”

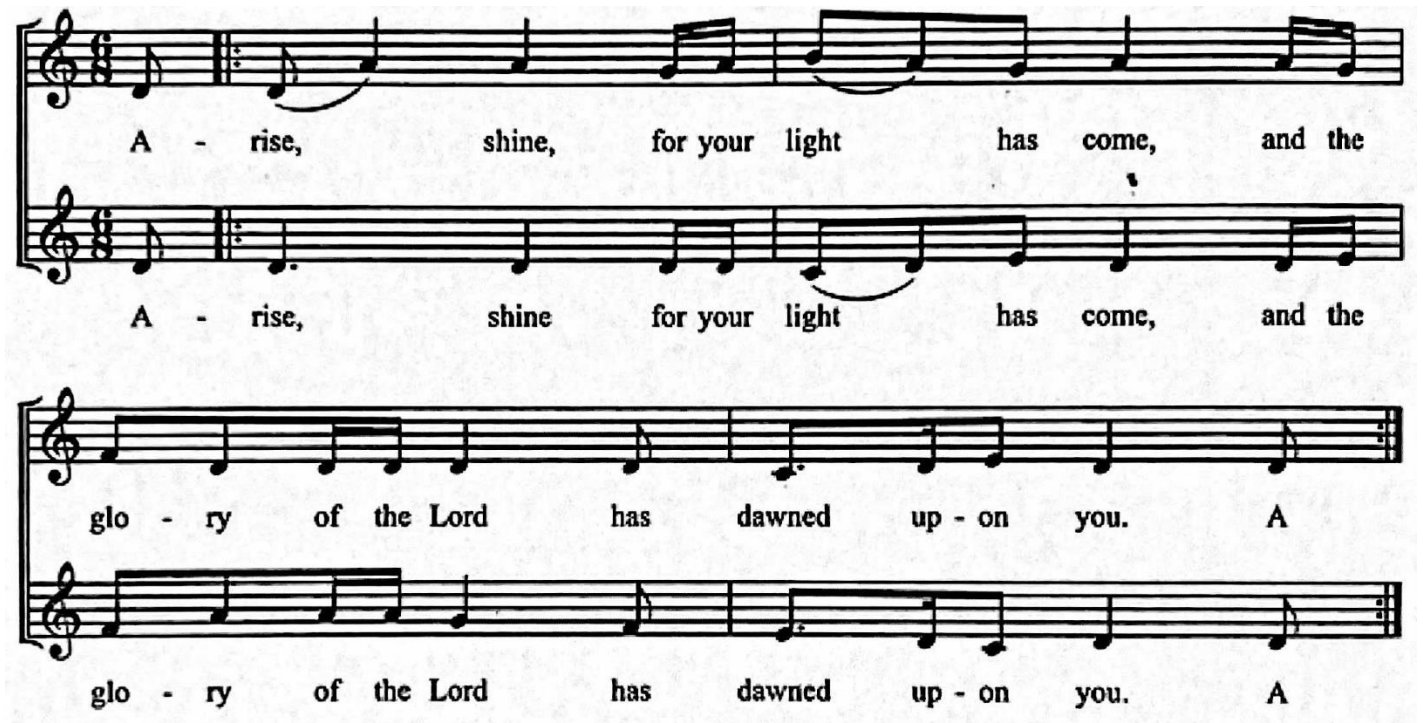
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews 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.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn – Arise, Shine



The Gospel

Stand as able, facing the Gospel.
You may bow your head and make sign of cross + on forehead, lips, and heart.

Remain standing and listen reverently to the Gospel being proclaimed.

Deacon or Presider:

✦ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(Matthew 5:1-12)

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."

You may bow your
head at the words
"Lord Christ."

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

Sermon — The Very Reverend Samuel Colley-Toothaker

Remain seated

The Nicene Creed

Presider and People:

Stand as able.

May bow head at
words "Jesus Christ"

May bow head at
words "... he came
down from heaven/ by
the power of the Holy
Spirit" until "was made
man."

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

Remain standing as able.

The period of silence after each bidding is a time for you to offer your own prayers. You may pray silently, but as indicated you are encouraged to speak your prayers aloud, at the appropriate time so they become prayers of the congregation.

Merciful Lord, we come to you heavy hearted, for we have heard the cries of the slain calling to us from the ground. We come remembering all the lives lost to the weapons of war that have flooded our communities. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reverse the brokenness of the world that has led to conditions that produce men and women who are driven to resort to violence and destructive behavior. We cry out to you, heal our souls from this scourge of violence. Endow us with the courage to step down from the pulpits and out from behind our desks to seek the peace of the city. In the coming days and weeks as our leaders debate solutions, Lord we ask that you grant us the voice to speak truth to power and demonstrate sacrificial compassion to the hurting. **Amen.**

Shine your light on leaders in all faith communities: give them the spiritual gifts to inspire your people in the ways of Love. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for David, our bishop, and for all clergy who minister in your churches. This we pray,

Hear us Jesus, Emmanuel

Inspire the leaders of this nation, and all nations in the ways of justice and peace, that all peoples of the world may learn to care for their neighbors near and far as we seek to form a more loving and peaceful world in which every child of God has food, shelter, safety and health. This we pray,

Hear us Jesus, Emmanuel

Breathe the winds of your holy spirit throughout all the earth, and teach us to love and care for the earthly abundance you have created: all people, all plants and creatures of land, sea and air, the deep waters and the soaring skies. This we pray,

Hear us Jesus, Emmanuel

Be present with us, this community of St. James and the Diocese of San Joaquin, as we seek to do your will and make disciples of all we meet. Teach us to pray and praise with our words and our deeds that we may be beacons of light in our communities. In this week, we especially pray for the clergy and congregation of St. Sherrian's in Kernville, that they may proclaim God's love in their communities. This we pray,

Hear us Jesus, Emmanuel

Comfort and heal those who are ill or in any distress, especially _____ *(please add your prayers, silently or aloud)*, that they may find peace and well-being in your presence. This we pray,

Hear us Jesus, Emmanuel

May we remember those who have died, especially _____ *(please add your prayers, silently or aloud)*, asking that in your presence, they may rest in your glorious peace. This we pray,

Hear us Jesus, Emmanuel

Presider adds a collect

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

Presider 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 Presider 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

All remain standing as able.

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

People: And also with you.

(Greet one another with signs of peace)

Offertory Sentence

All remain standing as able.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Choir Anthem - Nunc Dimittis

Doxology (Hymnal #380, v. 3)

The congregation
stands as
able for the
presentation of
the gifts.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

All rise and stand as
able throughout the
Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to
new life in 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:



The people may bow
heads at "Holy, Holy,
Holy."

The people may stand or kneel. The Presider 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."

You may make the sign of the cross + at "Sanctify us to your Son in his sacrifice..." This "Epicicles" calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts of bread and wine to make them the Body and Blood of Christ, and to bless the people to as Christ's Body, redeemed (set free) by his blood
The final "Amen" ("so be it") is the people's "Yes!"-- making it the prayer of all, thanking God for all that God has done, especially for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist and in us as Christ's Body in the world.

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 James, 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 Lord's Prayer

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

Presider and People:

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

The gifts of God for the people of God take them in remembrance to Christ died for you and feed on them in your heart by faith with Thanksgiving.

You may stand or kneel as the Gifts are prepared and servers receive. Returning to your seat after receiving, you may kneel and/or be seated. You may make the sign of the cross before or after you receive communion.

THOSE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

It is the custom to come forward and place the palm of one hand in the other to receive the bread. Please tell the clergy distributing communion if you prefer a gluten free wafer.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING IN LIEU OF COMMUNION:

It is the custom to come forward and to fold your arms across your chest in an X-fashion, which indicates that you are not receiving the sacrament. The Priest will offer a prayer of blessing for you.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #1 – Hymnal #662 Abide with me

Hymn #2 – Hymnal # 581 Where charity and love prevail

Post Communion Prayer

All stand as able

Presider 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.

Birthday/Anniversary Blessing

Please be seated or come forward as you are able for a blessing if you have a recent or upcoming birthday or anniversary.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

All stand as able. You may make the sign of the cross at the words "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn – Hymnal #517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

Remain standing as able. You may bow your head as the cross + and the Gospel book pass near you in procession.

The Dismissal

Please stand as able.

Deacon or Presider:

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

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Serving Today

Presider/Preacher

The Very Reverend Samuel Colley-Toothaker

Reader

Priscilla Metry
Lisa Brew

Music

St. James Cathedral Choir
Sherah Moore-Burdick
Aaron Burdick

Altar Guild

Susan Bartel
Priscilla Metry

Cathedral Deacon/Deacon of the Liturgy

The Reverend Deacon Nancy Key

Usher

Richard Jennings

Coffee Hour Hosts

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Eric de Jong

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