



The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

January 29, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (Blue #441) “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*”

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant ☒ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung together, all standing as you are able*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in ✠ the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Micah 6:1-8)

Gail Cecchini

A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

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 *(read responsively by verse)*

- 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.

Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 1: 18-31)

Sheila Williams

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Please stand as you are able

The Holy 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’

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

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

Gathered together by Christ, let us call to mind the Father's many blessings and ask him to hear the prayers which we make aloud, or in the silence of our hearts as we make our respond, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That the Church will continue to preach the word of God with integrity and responsibility, as we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who lead our nation, especially Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor, will be true peacemakers.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those persecuted for the sake of the Gospel will rejoice in Christ's promise of salvation.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may always hunger and thirst for the good news proclaimed in Jesus Christ.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who seek our intercessions and prayers, *especially*:

- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops throughout the world.
- Our absent brothers and sisters.
- All pregnant women and their unborn children.
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- *Debbie, Corin King, Carole Alexander and William Luebberman.*
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Diane Malone, Jim Sheridan, Tammy Ruggiero, and Nancy Cadet.*

- *Silence* -

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who have died may find that the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs, *especially [N]*.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let's pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

Loving Father, as we seek to do your will, receive these our prayers and intercessions which we offer this day. In your love, make up for what is lacking in our faith. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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.*

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing (*please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested*).

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

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

Announcements

- ✚ Our **Annual Meeting** will take place here at the Church after service today. Everyone is invited.
- ✚ **The 13th Bishop of New Jersey, The Rev. Dr. Sally French**, was elected yesterday. Bishop-elect French will be ordained on Saturday, June 24, 2023.
- ✚ **Fundraiser:**
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (Blue #554)

“*Tis The Gift To
Be Simple*”

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to

offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my Sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your
hands, to the praise and glory of His Name,
both to our benefit, and that of all His holy
Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. 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;***

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 the blessed Virgin Mary; blessed Joseph her spouse; with the apostles, martyrs; 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 forever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Lamb of God
(Songs For Worship No. 1)

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

Chords: E, A, E, A

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of all the

Chords: Bsus, A, B, E

world. Have mer - cy on us.

Chords: E, A, A

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

Chords: Bsus, A, B, E, E

world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You

Chords: A, E, A, Bsus

take a - way the sin of the world.

Chords: Bsus, G#m, C#m, A, Bsus, Bsus

Grant us, grant us Your peace.

Chords: G#m, C#2, A, B, E, E, E

Grant us, grant us Your peace. peace.

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Celebrant:

✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion Hymn (White #96)

*“The Old Rugged
Cross”*

Post-Communion 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. May our blessed Lady, blessed Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; 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 Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (White #25) “*Down By The Riverside*”

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

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Jacob Listman	
Jamie Berry	
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Lauren Raynore
Colleen Roback

Comfort & Healing

Barbara MacLeod	Mary McGrath
Carlos Guemes	Meredith Del Rosi
Christina Camuccio	Meredith Flinn
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