



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2023
The Reverend Edward G. Beaudreau, Jr.
Priest-in-Charge

Entrance Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" H 366 vs. 1-5

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity: 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 BCP 356

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

BCP 357

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for the Day: 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.**

Old Testament

The First Lesson

First Reading: A Reading from The Prophet Micah
Chapter 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 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 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: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

H 383

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mathew: 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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Edward Beaudreau, Jr.

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

BCP 388 Form IV

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

The Offertory Hymn: "From all that dwell"

H 380

The Hymn of Doxology

Celebrant: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise hi, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) BCP 367

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord HS 130

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of Bread BCP 364

Lamb of God HS 164

Communion Hymn: "My God, thy table is spread" H 321

The Blessing BCP 365

The Dismissal BCP 366

Closing Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" H 493 vs 1-5

We especially pray for our Service Members: Jake & Christie Knight, Elizabeth Butler, Matthew Paiva, Debbie Cox, Corbin Warner and Rachel Beaudreau.

We also keep all those who suffer with illness in our prayers: Michael B., Geri, Matt B., Arlene, Chloe, Alan, Grace, Dodie, Jen, Anna, Janel, Frank, Christy, Gladys, Sue, Marjorie, Victor, Pat, Bob, Bill, Joseph, David, Tom, James, Beth, Michelle, Marsha, Max, Alexandra, Jack, Fred, Steven, Diane, Rebecca, Don, Vinny, Ronnie, Paul, Anne and Brad.