



## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

### TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

*Seeking to serve God by reflecting the Light of Christ that shines within us  
to each other and the greater community.*

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

*Angelus*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All Stand*

OPENING HYMN

*All praise to thee for thou, O King, divine*

Hymnal 477

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

*People:* ***And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*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 you 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.**

*All Sit*

## FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Book of 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:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 15** *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.***

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

A Reading from the First letter of St. 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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

All Stand

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Blest are the pure in heart*

Hymnal 656

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**People:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**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’ 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.”

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

All Sit

## HOMILY

Fr. Raul

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and watch over all service members, including Adam, Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin and Matt, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless Stephanie Tenggi who will celebrate her birthday February 1

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Pat, Jim, Carl, Lorraine, Laura, Bridget, Ed, Denis, Carlye, Joanne, Russ, Adam, Sherry, Margie, Blaise and Lynette; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

✠ We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may come to share with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel, as are able*

**ALL:** **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 Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*All stand for the offertory hymn*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Hymn 593



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

***Celebrant and People:***

***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.***

*All kneel as 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 give 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,

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

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 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**

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

***People & 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. Then is said,*

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Celebrant says the following invitation*

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 ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately administer it to the people.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*All may kneel*

Let us pray.

**Celebrant & 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.*

## THE FINAL BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Christ the world's true Light*

Hymnal 542

# **Announcements**

## **Compassionate Outreach**

**St. Paul's Men's Shelter**- The 2023 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

**CFA** In our efforts of continuing to support Center for Food Action (CFA), the Outreach Committee has decided to host different themes each month during the year. The theme for February is **Soup and Crackers**. As always, all donations are appreciated.

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING                      Sunday ... Feb. 12th**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of caring! The mission is to use the energy of the "Super Bowl" to collect dollars and cans of soup for a charity of your choice.....ours is Center for Food Action. Our total will be reported and become part of the national total during the game! Last year we reported \$85.00 and 55 soup cans. Hopefully this year we can do better., so look for the display and soup pot in the Narthex thru Feb 12th!

## **Community Thrift Shop**

{\* Updated information}

The shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00pm.

\* Donations are now accepted on Mondays ONLY from 9:00am to 12:00 noon! Only two white kitchen bags or two boxes each time, marked with #66.

\* Do not leave any donations outside the door as it will be thrown in the garbage!

Any questions, please contact Janet Zacco. Thank you.

## **Trinity Discussion Group on Books about Racism & Social Justice**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb 8, 7PM. The book is *Wastelands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial* by Corban Addison (the first 3 parts). Questions? Contact Jane at jane.q.sheehan@gmail.com.