



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

“Meditation on Colossians 3:15”

by Brenda Portman

Opening Hymn

“God is Love, let heaven adore him”

Hymn 379

1. God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.
2. God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

People: **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.**

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.

The 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.

A Reading from the prophet Micah (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 ten 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.**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
 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.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:18-31)

For 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 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, ²⁹so that no one might
 boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us
 wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in 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"

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

Sermon

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation (*10:30 Service*)

“All the Poor and Powerless” by Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

(Please Stand)

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**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

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all
peoples, let us pray to the Lord

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this city of Colorado Springs, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray
to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
especially Angela, Mark, Steve, Beth, Magnolia, Melanie, Beverly, Jim, and those we pray for during
our Wednesday healing service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Mark, Ruth, Jan, Tom, Tripp, Randy, Emily, Cindy,
Kalob, Taylor, Ryan, Russ, Jason, Mateo, Shep, Phil, Jordan, Sarah, Kathleen, Patrick, Alex, Arleen, Mary, Michelle, Dana,
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Millie, Courtney, Ron, Julia, Valerie, Peyton, Terri, Sharon, Phyllis, Molly, Peg & Sherry.*

*If you would like to be added to Sunday prayers of the people or to the Wednesday healing service,
please email diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.*

Leader: For the deployed and those serving around the world, Tyler, Corey, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, Rick, Ben, Carson, Jason, Dallas, & Brian let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We give you thanks for those with birthdays; Les K., Gus W., Pamela B., Erin C., Allie H., Paul A., Matthew C., Bruce N., Amelie P., Sara T., and those with anniversaries; Bob & Gerry Foster. The flowers on the altar are given in Thanksgiving for Sydney's 12th birthday and Kaylee's 9th birthday by Mike & Stephanie Aul, let us pray to the Lord

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Deacon: Let us 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 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 you Name. Amen.**

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.**

The Peace

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

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

- Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
- Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



Offertory *(8:00 Service)*
(10:30 Service)

“All the Poor and Powerless”
“Simple Gifts”

by Leslie Jordan and David Leonard
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

(10:30 AM Service Sung)

Hymn 380 vs. 3

**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 Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is a 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 said.)*

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 *(Spoken 8AM; Sung 10:30AM)*

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**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.**

(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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 Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At this time we are only offering intinction/ dipping of the bread into the wine. Please come to the altar rail and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the wine. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pen. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: Please come to the left side (as you face the front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine. The ceramic chalice is for gluten free hosts only.

Communion Hymns

“Blest are they”

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Refrain

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!*

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Refrain

3. Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God!

Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

5. Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,
shine for all to see.

Refrain

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Hymn 469

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
2. There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant: In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***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.**

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine”

Hymn 477

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine.
Alleluia!
2. Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought.
Alleluia!
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary.
Alleluia!
4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
Alleluia!
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored.
Alleluia! Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Was lebet”

by Christopher Tambling

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Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, January 29, 9:15 – 10:15 AM

Inbetweeners Dinner – 40s&50s Fellowship: February 3, 6:00 PM

Scout Sunday: February 12, 10:30 AM Service

“Sacred Water” Creation Care: Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:30 PM Beginning February 7 *(10-weeks)*

CPR/AED Training: Sunday, February 12, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Valentines Pasta Potluck Dinner: Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 PM

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 PM

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 – 9:00 AM Ashes to Go in church parking lot

12:00 PM & 7:00 PM Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist

Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesday Nights, March 1 – March 29, 6:00 PM

Lenten Quiet Day with Sister Hannah: Saturday, February 25, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Royal Gorge Philharmonic “Simply Gorge-ous Concert”

featuring Organ Soloist, Daniel Foster

Saturday, February 25, 4:00 PM at St. Michael’s *(Advanced ticket purchase required)*

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