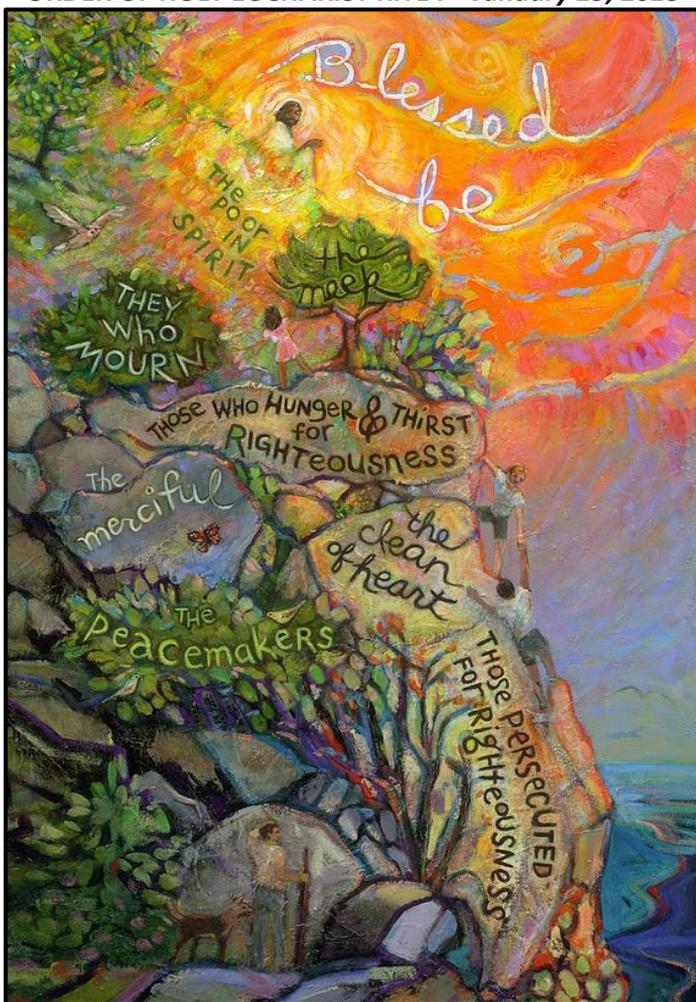


**St. Augustine's Episcopal Church**  
**ORDER OF HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I – January 29, 2023**



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE OPENING SENTENCES**

**Celebrant:** *Blessed be the one, holy and living God.*

**People:** *Glory to God forever and ever.*

**THE COLLECT OF PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING** (seated) Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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."<sup>6</sup>"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? <sup>7</sup>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?" <sup>8</sup>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

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We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**

<sup>3</sup> 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.*

## **THE SECOND READING**

1 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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>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.***

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

The Rev. Gigi Conner

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:*

*<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called*

children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>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.*

***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Gigi Conner*

**THE NICENE CREED** (standing)

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Epiphany Season – The Anglican Church of Canada

*God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.*

***We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people in their life and ministry.***

*We give thanksgiving especially for those in our parish family celebrating their birthdays this week.*

*Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.*

***We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.***

*Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.*

***We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired.***

*We pray for those on our parish prayer list.*

*Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.*

***We pray for the world, especially for peace in Ukraine, for victims of gun violence and their families, for the truthful healing of racial tensions in our world, for those suffering from the impact of hurricanes, winter storms, flooding, and anywhere there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.***

*Light of the Saints, we remember all those who have gone before us.*

***Help us continuously to be inspired and led by the ways they loved, served, and trusted you in their lives.***

*Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.*

***We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.***

*Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.*

***God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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**THE PEACE**

*I see the Light of Christ in you!*  
***I see the Light of Christ in you!***

*For the season of Epiphany, during the passing of the peace, we invite you to say to one another, "I see the Light of Christ in you."*

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

***Celebrant:*** *The Rev. Gigi Conner*

**OFFERTORY**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

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*The Lord be with you.*  
***And with thy spirit.***  
*Lift up your hearts.*  
***We lift them up unto the Lord.***  
*Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*  
***It is meet and right so to do.***

**THE SANCTUS**    *"Holy, holy, holy..."*

*The Congregation stands or kneels*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

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***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

***THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE***

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING***    *(standing or kneeling)*

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***THE COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE***