

St. David's Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after "The Epiphany"

January 29th, 2017



The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, *Rector/Dean*
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Phyllis Fibleuil, *Music Director/Organist*
Dorothy Lundy, *Parish Secretary*

“Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the
Captive and the Oppressed”

*(“You are asked to please turn off all mobile devices during the
service. Thank you!”)*

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: *"O God, You Call for Justice"*

O God, you call for justice — for goodness, never greed!
You seek a world of fairness where all have what they need —
Where all have food and water and homes in which to
thrive,
Where all have hope and laughter and joy to be alive!

O God, you call for kindness instead of keeping score;
You seek a world that welcomes the hungry and the poor.
Lord, where there is injustice may we work to protect
The struggling ones, the voiceless that others would reject.

You call us to walk humbly, for we are not our own;
We all are poor and needy; we need the grace you've shown.
May we respond to others reflecting what you give —
Compassion, kindness, justice — so all may gladly live.

O God, may our great nation seek justice, as we should,
and work with dedication to seek the common good.
We're blessed to be a blessing; may we within our law
Seek justice and compassion that reaches out to all.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Rite II) p. 355

(The people standing, the Celebrant says)

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever,

Amen

The Celebrant says:

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

“Glorify Thy Name (BCP)

(back cover)

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for: “Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany”:

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 Book of Micah (6:1-8)

1 Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² 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. ³ 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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.' ⁶ '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? ⁷ 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?' ⁸ 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.

(moment of silence)

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.

*(All) 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 letter to the 1 Corinthians (1:18-31)

18 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. 19 For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' 20 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? 21 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. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. 26 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. 27 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; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 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. (*moment of silence*)

Gradual Hymn: (1982)

No. 656

*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. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^{*} on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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:

(moment of silence)

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Prayers of the People (Form IV)	pg. 388
The Penitence (BCP)	pg. 393
Exchange of the Peace	

At The Offertory

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: (1982)

No. 593

Hymn after the Offertory

Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One:

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Presentation of Elements

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "B")

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The Great Mystery

Hymns during Communion: (1982)

Nos. 660, 670, 671

Post Communion Prayer:

"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."

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn (1982)

No. 473

Dismissal

Musical Postlude (*please remain seated*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Usher's:

8:00 AM – Wayne Harris; Yohance Johnson

10:30 AM – Maudlin James; Roy Waterman; Lincoln Morgan;
Dorothy Dixon

(February Ushers schedule now posted)

We welcome all visitors this morning, especially anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do *visit us again*.

Check the desk in the narthex for your New Offering Envelopes. If you have not completed, signed and returned pledge cards you will not find envelopes in your name until you have done so. *Please note: numbers have been changed, so check by name only.*

Asking for volunteers to host upcoming *Fellowship Hours* following morning services. See list on desk in rear of the church. Thanks!

This Week's Events

January Birthday Celebration: This morning, Sunday, January 29th, 2017 following both services. All invited to partake.

Meeting of "Care-Group Leaders" this morning, Sunday, January 29th, 2017 following the 10:30 AM service.

Bible Study: Next meeting, Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

Telephonic Prayer Group: Every Wednesday and Thursday evening @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are welcome and invited to participate).

Parish Choir rehearsal – Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

Youth Group meet on Fridays @ 7:30 pm.

The Vestry will meet on Saturday, February 4th, @ 12 noon. All members asked to attend.

Youth Choir rehearsals – Saturdays @ 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events

The Silver Jubilee Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 @ 7:30 pm.

Women's Health Fair!, Thursday, February 9th 2017 @ Hollis Ave. Congregational Church (211-04 Hollis Ave., Queens Village, NY (5PM–8PM) *Free! Free! (see flyers in narthex)*

St. David's Vestry hosting a Pre-Valentine Party: Friday, February 10th, 2017 (8:00pm – 12:00pm) All invited!

Free Income Tax Preparation: Saturday, February 18th, 2017 @ St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, (137-28 244th St., Rosedale, NY (10AM – 2PM) (*see flyers in narthex*)

The ECW will meet February 19th, 2017 following the 10:30 AM service. All Ladies are invited to join us.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Queens Assembly) Annual Scholarship Luncheon: Monday, February 20th, 2017 (church service starts @ 9:30 AM St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (99-10 217th Lane, Queens Village) followed by 12 Noon luncheon @ Thomasina's Banquet Hall (205-35 Linden Blvd., St. Albans. See any member of BSA for tickets. (\$45.00 adults: \$30.00 children (under 12).

The February and March Birthday Fellowship Hour will take place March 5th, 2017 following both services. Please see *Rosalyn Brown (8AM)* and *Annette Marion (10:30AM)* for information.

Refreshment Sunday (mid-Lent): Sunday, March 26, 2017.

Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)- @ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. see *Barbara Morrison* for add'l. information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062

SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS & FAMILY

Inez Atkinson; Andrea Alleyne; Veronica Alleyne; Dennis Alston; *Icilda Anderson*; Anne Arley; Maritza Armien; Nelda Binal; *Etta Blagrove*; Sherron Bokonga; Lilly Bowens; Ewart Bowie, Lowell Bowie, Ginnderland Brooks; Kirk Brouwer; Winston Brown; Jerome Bryan; Ralph Coard; *Lilla Codner*; Priscilla Coleman; Lancelot Cowan; Che' Constantine; Niall Constantine; Justine Cunningham; Kayden DaCosta; Muriel Cust-Francis; Cicely Daniel; Herbert Daniel; Sharon Davis; Egan Davson; Lawrence Demeglio; Eunice Dixon; ; Cecile Fearon; Jeanette Francis-Fearon; Winifred Garrison; Muris Gayle; Gordon C. Gladden; Patrick Goin; Winnie Gooden; Gem Grant; Nellie Green; Viola Gretton; Jeffrey Grosvenor; Sylvia Grosvenor;; Shae Haris; *Gem Harris*; Khaled Hassanin; Ida Headley; *Roy Henneman*; Janiese Henry; *Maureen Henry*; Donald Herbison; Rita Herbert; Louise Hermon;; Leslie Hutchinson-Morris; Ivy Irons; Marlon Jacobs; Victor Jiminez & family; Cecil Johnson; James Johnson; *Melrose Johnson*; *Joyce Jones*; Yvonne Jones; Rhonda Jordon; *Germaine King*; Christie Laieta; *Ellen Lawrence*; *Jean Lawrence*; Dudley Lawson; Ronald Lee; Isabella Lewis; Robert Lewis; Lorna Lewis; *Fitz Longman*; Bertram Longworth; Rev. Washington L. Lundy; Flavia Lytch-Threatt; Brandon Manasse; Amyika Marcial; *Bevon Mars*; Marc A. Mathews; Clara Maynard;; William D. Mullings;; *Kerwin O'Brien*; *Blanche O'Reilly*; John Parkes; Gene Pendarvis; Theresa Pulla; Nancy Taylor–Hall; Geneva Randolph; Monique Robert; Rev. Egbert Robertson; Sonia Rochester; Richard Rose; Henry Samuel; Joy Simon; Pauline Sekou; Lloyd Simmonds; Yvonne Simmonds; Leroy Small; Shirley Smith; Gerretta Sores; Calvin Souden; Dudley Spence; Hugh Springer; Marjorie Stevens; *Cecil Stevens*; *Beresford Stewart*; *Lillieth Stewart*; Dan Stewart;; Christine Turner; Cleveland Vanier; Myron Wade; *Olive Walford*; Barbara Wanaselja; Amanda Watts; *Emma Weekes*; Alberta West; Anita Williams; Carmen Williams;; Ken Williams;; Yvonne Williams; Phondel Yarboro. (*Italics indicate members of St. David's*)

Meditation: "Making Peace"

“The Lord bless you and keep you . . . and give you peace.” We can imagine what a peaceable kingdom would look like: lion and calf, wolf and lamb grazing together, with a little child to lead them; swords beaten into plowshares, and the human family unafraid of violence or war. We have known glimpses of such a realm. When we are at peace, we are physically and emotionally safe. Inevitable disputes are openly acknowledged, creatively resolved, and thereby defused. We learn that peace is not just a tense absence of overt friction, but an atmosphere graced with love that is both kind and just. When at peace, we are both light of conscience and solid in commitment. Even when surrounded by chaos we are able—detaching from neither our emotions nor our circumstances—to draw from a well of sustaining calm. God works tirelessly to effect reconciliation, to bring peace to the world and to our hearts. Therefore the peacemakers—who share in God’s work—are called children of God. Jesus names peacemakers in the midst of many others among the blessed: the pure, the merciful, the active, the meek. In the midst of such diversity is where peacemakers, negotiators, belong. God gives us peace that the world cannot give; God also gives peace to us through one another. It is the vocation of all the baptized, the children of God, to lead by joining in this sacred work. We can begin by simply turning to one another in forgiving acceptance to offer and receive the greeting of the risen Christ. “The peace of the Lord be with you always,” “And also with you.”

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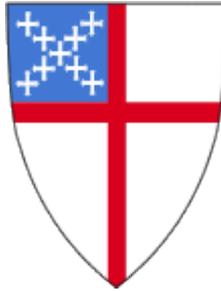


Epiphany



SERMON NOTES

“EMPOWERING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICE”



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