

THE FOURTH SUNDAY



AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023 - 10:00 AM

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

A welcoming parish loving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ

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We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this morning.

This bulletin will guide you through today's service step-by-step

WELCOME

Hymn HB 427 When morning gilds the skies *(first three verses)*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **and blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

Celebrant: The Summary of the Law (BCP p.324)

The Gloria

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

A COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER 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.**

FIRST READING

MICAH 6:1-8

Lector A Reading from the Book of 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?

Lector The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 *read responsively*

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.

Lector A reading from St. Paul's first letter 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."

Lector The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn HB 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (*first three verses*)

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

Officiant The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Father Nwogu

THE 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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Form 3 BCP, p. 387)*

Leader

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
we pray for those who has entered your kingdom
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray especially for or all those who are suffering during this pandemic, for all victims of COVID-19. We also pray for all those providing care at this time, that you may safeguard them as they work on our behalf.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray especially for...the people of Ukraine and the people of the bordering countries coming to their aid. And for:

Hector Almodovar, **Marihena** Arias, **Tim** August, **Eva** Becar, **Kate** Bondy, **Karen** Brusati, **Karen** Bullen, **Wendy** Carr, **Isabelle** Corbelan, **Martha** Delgado-Soto, **Craig Stephon** Dudsak, **Bob** and **Stephanie** Dziemian, **Maria** Fernandez, **Mildred** Flemming, **Rosie** Flippo, **Penny** Gibson, **Tony** Hernandez, **Diane** Holdsworth, **Susan** Itaas, **Jack** Kaulfers, **Mary** Kennedy, **Nicky** LaSaracina, **Adrian** Le Bron, **Svime** Leo, **Alex** Lom, **Karen** Luchs, **Louis** Luglio, **Jill** Macker, **Barbara** Maggio, **Jospehine** Marino, **Danielle** and **Michael** Marino, **Sue** and **Frank** Merritt, **Helen** Needle, **Regina** Olasin, **Henrya** Orzechowski, **Jake** Oshires, **Beverly** Perilli, **Donna** Radulich, **Maureen** Scerbo, **Shira** Shatzkes, **Glenn** Shoudy, **Beth** Shriber, **Madison** Stager, **Theresa** Trass, **Lucille** Volmer, **Fran** Warth, **Chick** Woehrl, **Sorina** Yang.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Attributed to Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF MASS SHOOTINGS

God our deliverer, gather our horror, anger, and sadness at these deaths into the compass of your wisdom and strength, that through the night we may seek and do what is right, and when morning comes trust ourselves to your cleansing justice and new life. Amen.

(Adapted from Enriching our Worship 2, p. 143)

CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to
God. *Ephesians 5:2*
(Please place your offering in the alms basin)

The Liturgy of the Table

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

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 him thanks and praise.

Service continues BCP p.362

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Prayer- BCP p.365

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.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn HB 693 – Just as I am

DISMISSAL “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Fund: Donations to our Outreach fund are designated for the North Porch, a project of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Newark providing emergency seven-day supplies of formula, baby food, diapers, clothing, bed linens and other items for needy mothers and their infants of all faiths in the Newark, Paterson, Dover, Hackettstown and Wharton areas of northern New Jersey. You can make a donation via check, or as noted above, on our website. Just select “Outreach” and the amount you would like to donate. If you, or someone you know, is in need, please inform Warden Rahul Dass. The Laura Fund and the Rector’s Discretionary Account are parish resources directed by the Clergy & Vestry, and may be available when needed. Additional contributions can be made to these funds payable to Church of the Annunciation with Laura Fund or RDF on the memo line.

STEWARDSHIP

We now have the ability to accept credit card and e-check payments on our website via a secure program provided by Vanco, and used across our diocese. It is so easy to use, and you can set up your pledge to pay automatically, or donate to our outreach fund. Just go to this page on our website and click the Donate button:

<https://www.annunciationoradell.org/support-us.html>

or mail them to:

Church of the Annunciation
co/ David Dziemian, Treasurer
343 Kinderkamack Rd.
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GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER

Gertrude Hawk Spring/Easter candy catalogues are now available.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please bring 2 or more cans of soup to church on February 12th to go to the Center for Food Action. This is an opportunity to help our neighbors who live all around us and who desperately need our help.

PAINTING DAYS FEBRUARY 15, 16, 17 – EQUIPMENT NEEDED

We are sprucing up the church with a new coat of paint. We need drop cloths, rollers, extenders, paintbrushes, ladders etc. Please help us make the church sparkle by bringing in items to church so that we can complete our project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S RESTORE

Join the volunteers from Annunciation who work at Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore in Westwood (121 Carver Ave). It could be a day, Monday through Saturday, 9:45-3:30, although shorter availability can work as long as it’s a minimum of two hours. Volunteer job options vary such as customer support, phones, grounds or loading dock. Anyone interested can text or call Liz Rooney at 201-310-3139.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Our Virtual Bible Study meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Pastor Karen leads the interactive discussion which consists of scripture readings and prayers. We warmly welcome anyone from our sister church St. Matthews to join us! Feel free to invite others that may be interested in joining in our group discussion. Hope to see you all at Bible Study! Blessings- Pastor Karen

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88433093229?pwd=QUplQWMrRGJOUWZFTlNVOWhNRy9BZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 3309 3229

Passcode: 443179

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First Sunday of the Month: Liturgy of the Word Led by Pastor Karen

Second Sunday: Attend Worship At Another Church (*we will share our experiences on the following week during our virtual coffee hour*)

Third Sunday: Liturgy of the Word led by Grace Oliff

Fourth Sunday: Liturgy of the Word led by Sue Dziemian

WE NEED YOU!

We are working collaboratively to re-engage the mission and ministry of this church. We need all hands on deck to overcome a nearly \$2,000/month deficit, and to energize our gospel call in Oradell. Everyone needs to commit to one or more of the following efforts: evangelism, fundraising, outreach and stewardship. Please contact Rahul Dass to sign up if you have not done so already.

CHECK US OUT!

We are now on many social media platforms. Check out our new website, our Facebook page, or find us on Instagram & Twitter:

<https://www.annunciationoradell.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationOradell>

<https://twitter.com/AnnunciationO>

<https://www.instagram.com/annunciationoradell/>

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ONLINE WORSHIP RESOURCES

On the Sundays that we will not be holding a virtual worship service for our own church, here are several resources to choose from if you are looking for another place to “attend” on those Sunday mornings.

- Here is a full list of the churches in our diocese that have submitted their online resources:
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/covid-19/worship>
- Ways to practice faith at home:
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/resource-general/ways-practice-faith-home>
- Holy Eucharist at Washington National Cathedral via Youtube or Facebook (11:15am on Sundays):
<https://cathedral.org/event/holy-eucharist>
- The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine is hosting Morning and Evening Prayer daily via Zoom and a live streamed Sunday service at 11am. <https://www.stjohndivine.org/calendar/>



To enhance your weekly devotions and prayer, here are some helpful resources, that include a downloadable BCP:

[Virtual Resources for Devotion and Prayer](#)

For information on all that is happening in the Diocese of Newark, go to the website: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/> There you can sign up to receive important news, events and seasonal meditations from your diocese.

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