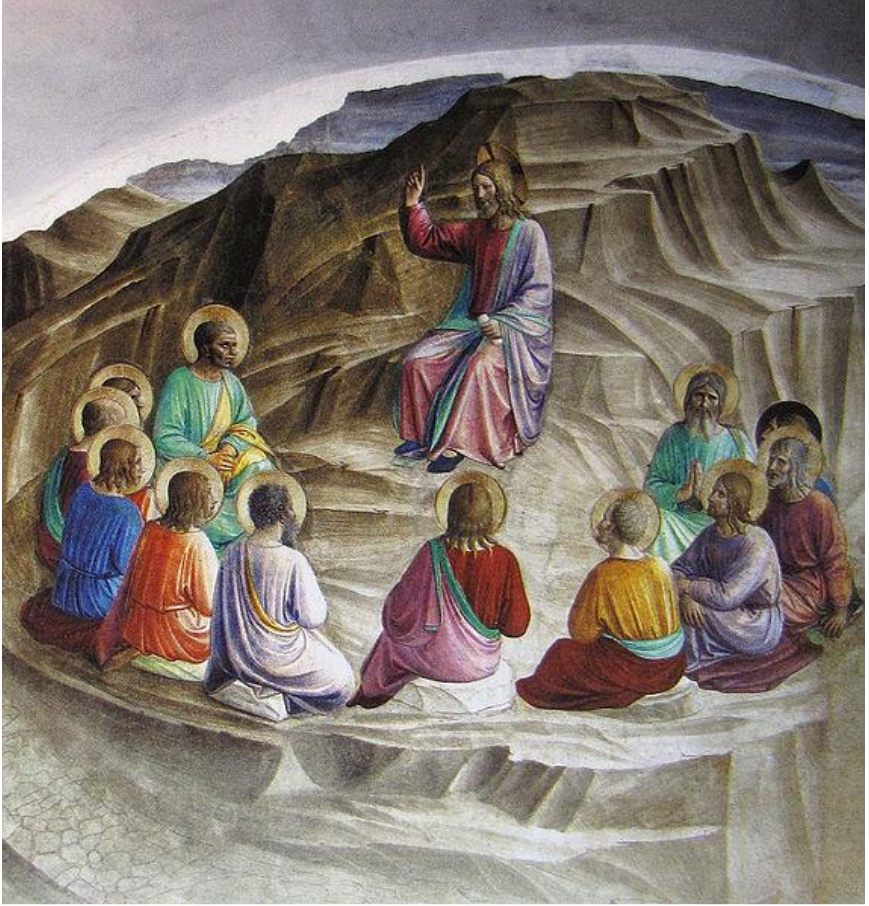


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 1, 2025**

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Please Stand

Hymn: Lift High The Cross

Chorus

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 1

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

Verse 2

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

Rev. Oz: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD

**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.**

Hymn: What does the Lord require of You

Chorus

What does the Lord require of you
What does the Lord require of you

Justice kindness
Walk humbly with your God (twice)

To seek justice and love kindness
And walk humbly with your God (twice)

Please be seated.

Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Micah 6:1-8

Reader: A Reading from the book of Micah

Hear now what the LORD is saying,

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
And let the hills hear your voice.

² Listen, you mountains, to the indictment by the LORD,
And you enduring foundations of the earth,
Because the LORD has a case against His people;
And He will dispute with Israel.

³ My people, what have I done to you,
And how have I wearied you? Answer Me.

⁴ Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
I redeemed you from the house of slavery,

And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ My people, remember now

What Balak king of Moab planned

And what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

And what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

So that you might know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

⁶ With what shall I come to the LORD

And bow myself before the God on high?

Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,

With yearling calves?

⁷ Does the LORD take pleasure in thousands of rams,

In ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give *Him* my firstborn *for* my wrongdoings,

The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has told you, mortal one, what is good;

And what does the LORD require of you

But to do justice, to love kindness,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

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 neighbour.

In his sight the wicked is rejected,

but he honours 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.

Second Reading – 1st Corinthians 1:17-31

Reader A Reading from 1st Corinthians

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made of no effect.

18 For the word of 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 understanding of those who have understanding, I will confound.”

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than mankind, and the weakness of God is stronger than mankind.

26 For consider your calling, brothers and sisters, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the insignificant things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no human may boast before God. 30 But it is due to Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us

wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 so that, just as it is written: "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**People: 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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.**

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Rev. Oz: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you
People: And also with you.

Please stand.

Offertory

Hymn: O How Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

Verse 1

O how blessed are the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven
And how blessed are the sad and mournful
They'll be consoled by God

Chorus

Blessed and happy we shall be
Listen to the Master's word
Soon the kingdom's coming
Watch and see the kingdom of the Lord

Verse 2

O how blessed are the meek and humble
They will inherit the earth
And how blessed those who hunger for goodness

They all will feast with God (no chorus)

Verse 3

O how blessed are the mercy givers

Such mercy they will receive

And how blessed are the pure in heart

They surely will see God (no chorus)

Verse 4

O how blessed are the true peacemakers

They will be known as God's children

And how blessed those who suffer for justice

They will be honored by God (**chorus**)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIS PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: God of steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
You have made us a holy people

In Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread
and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory
in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people who have
served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim
the glory of your name.

**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.**

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over

to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Rev. Oz: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, 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, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,

reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Oz: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never thirst.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Happy are they who trust in him

THE COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. You may receive communion at either the front or at the rear of the church, when available. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Options at the altar rail: the common cup to your left, bread and wine mingled together to the right.

Hymn: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Verse 3

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present (an offering) far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Hymn: Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Verse 1

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there's injury grant mercy O Lord
Where there's doubt true faith in You

Chorus

O Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Verse 2

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy

Hymn: Man Of Sorrows

Verse 1

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree (chorus)

Bridge

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed (chorus)

Verse 4

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave. (chorus)

Please stand and sing.

Post Communion Song

Hymn: Make Me Like You

Chorus

Lord make me like You

Please make me like You

You are a servant

Make me one too

O Lord I am willing

Do what You must do

To make me like You Lord

Just make me like You (repeat)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: Source of all goodness,
in this eucharist
we are nourished by the bread of heaven
and invigorated with new wine.
May these gifts renew our lives,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us

Verse 1

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our live's wild restless sea
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying Christian follow me

Verse 2

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store
From each idol that would keep us
Saying Christian love me more

Verse 3

Jesus calls us by Your mercies
Savior make us hear Your call
Give our hearts to Your obedience
Serve and love You best of all

DISMISSAL

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself.

People: Let us go forth as ministers of His
reconciliation. Alleluia.

Prayers of the People – February 1, 2026

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of
the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights &

Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of The
Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our
Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, Archbishop (elect) of
Canterbury

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Septuagesima

The Church of England

In our Diocese

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The Rev. Tony Hilling

The Rev. Dcn. Betty Nadurak

The Rev. Cyril Haynes (Hon.)

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Andrew with Holy Innocents, St. Giles and St. Michael, on
Grenada

The Ven. Michael Marshall

St. John with St. Mark and St. Matthew, on Grenada

The Rev. Keba Cuffy,

Priest-in-Charge

In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa
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The Moravian Church

The people and ministries of Heimtal Moravian Church in
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OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III; Prime Minister, Mark Carney; Premier Danielle
Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark; Councillor Bill Cocks
Redcliff Mayor Chris Czember; Councillor, Bernie Bakker

OUR CITY CHURCHES

The Link, Pastor Mike Landry

OUR PROVINCE

Prayers for unity in Alberta.

New Story is a non-profit organization that helps indigenous
women become self-sufficient within the support of a strong
Christian community.

OUR WORLD

Please pray for the people of Nigeria. Pray that the government
of Nigeria would do everything possible to protect people from
violence. Ask God to work on the hearts of both officials and
those who would inflict violence.

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen
and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec
Ivor & Hilary Ottrey, Gordon & Sherry Nott, and Chioma & Anuli
Nwokeali
Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia, Jerusha in Ghana
The GriefShare Program
Parish Council
The Saturday Meal Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED*

Anne and Ric; Colleen and Philip; Betty Lou; Mike; Win; John
and Grace; Carol & Family; Catherine & Family; Laura and their
families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office
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"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself –
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:

Celebrant

Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Lay Reader

Deb Deans

Prayers of the People

Lynne Windjack

Music

Jill Gloin

Reader(s)

Gillian Sandham

Greeters

Dottie Platzer & Val Browne

Bread/Wine Presenters

Liz Crabb & Val Trotter

Sound Board

Alan Deans

Lock-up

Gillian Sandham

Offering Counters

Gillian Sandham & Darcee Wong

Altar Guild

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Jenetta R

Snow Removal

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