

Welcome to the
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Welcome to Church of Our Saviour

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We hope you will participate fully in today's services, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit (as able) are indicated by *italic type*. Words spoken by the people are indicated by **bold type**. Everything you need to worship is provided in this worship bulletin unless otherwise noted.

Connect with Us | We would love to get to know you, especially if this is your first visit. Please fill out a Connect Card, found in the pew-backs, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the clergy or an usher on your way out.

Hospitality | Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall, through the double doors on the right side of the sanctuary.

Restrooms & Changing Tables | There is a single occupancy restroom located at the back of the church in the narthex which includes a changing table. Additional restrooms are located through the double doors to the right of the sanctuary, to the right and down the stairs to the lower level.

Nursery Care | The Nursery is available on the lower level Parish Hall, through the double doors on the right side of the church, but is not staffed, so you can remain with your children. A monitor is set up to stream this service in the Nursery.

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A Prayer We All Can Pray | the Collect for Purity

Since the earliest Books of Common Prayer, the Eucharistic rite began with the following Prayer. Anglicans world-wide and Episcopalians here in the United States will recognize it. Rather than an additional 'Collect' at the beginning of the public service, we each take the opportunity to pray it quietly as the start of our own participation in this Eucharistic assembly.

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.

A Celebration of Eucharist, “Great Thanksgiving”

Gathering of the People

Greeting

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever.**

Gathering Cantic *Ecce, Deus* Isaiah 12: 2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say; Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name. make his deeds known among the people; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Gathering Prayers

Collect of the Day, from the Book of Common Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 Prayer of Dedication for those in Religious Life, from the Book of Occasional Services

O Lord our God, who called Abraham to leave home and kindred to journey to an unknown destination, and who led the people of Israel by the hand of Moses your servant through the desert to the promised land, and who directed Mary Magdalene back to the desert to meditate on the resurrection of your Son, guide and protect all those in the Episcopal Church on the special pilgrimage of religious life, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The People sit.

A Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Reader A Reading from the Book of 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 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?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Response of the People | Psalm 15

Presider What is the source of sound moral action? God's truth in your heart.

People **What is the source of sound moral action? God's truth in your heart.**

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.

People **What is the source of sound moral action? God's truth in your heart.**

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.

People **What is the source of sound moral action? God's truth in your heart.**

A Lesson from the Christian Scriptures

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 18-31

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation and Reading from the Holy Gospel

Presider Alleluia.

People **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider Follow me says the Lord, and with me you will seek all that life has to offer.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily Peggy Taylor

The People sit.

Nicene Creed

The People stand.

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, only Son 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 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 sits 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 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.

The Prayers of the People and General Confession

Written by the Muro family

The People stand, as able

Leader We pray for all the nations of the world, their leaders, and their people. We thank you, God, for the many blessings in our lives and we ask You to help us work together as we strive for justice and equality for all people. We pray

People **with peace and hope in our hearts, Amen.**

Leader We pray for Your church to be a welcoming place for all people. Open our hearts, so they may find home here. We pray for all Bishops, priests, and deacons, and for the many ways we each minister to one another. We pray both for those who have been open to your grace and for those who are still searching. Help us to remember that we are meant to be in community with each other. We pray

People **with peace and hope in our hearts, Amen.**

Leader We pray for peace throughout our world, and for all people to realize that violence is not the answer. We pray for those who have hurt us, and those whom we have hurt. Love is strong; help us to always respond with Your love. We pray

People **with peace and hope in our hearts, Amen.**

Leader We pray for our city of Chicago, for our brothers and sisters who are homeless, unemployed, or plagued by addiction and violence. We pray that all children may have good schools and safe places to be children. Help us to remember that we are strongest together. We pray

People **with peace and hope in our hearts, Amen.**

Leader We pray for all those celebrating birthdays this week... and those celebrating anniversaries... We pray for our loved ones on the parish intercession list, whom we now name... May all people know that You are with them both in joy and in sorrow. We pray

People **with peace and hope in our hearts, Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **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 ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

Presider 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 Table of God

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, the Living Word, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made fully human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Eternal Word. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

All **We remember his death;
We proclaim his resurrection;
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, O God and Creator of all, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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 Peace

Deacon The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

The Presider breaks the Consecrated Bread

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **grant us your peace.**

Holy Communion

Presider These are the gifts of God. By God's grace, we are the People of God.

The People receive Communion according to the instruction of the Presider

Post-Communion Prayer

The People may stand or kneel, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, 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.**

Sending Forth

Closing Rites

The People sit for Announcements, Then they may stand or kneel, as the Presider blesses the People.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The worship is over. The service begins.

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The Week of January 29th

Brian Hastings will be on vacation between January 16th and 30th. Mother Susan Osborne-Mott is available for any priestly concerns, and can be reached through Br. Will White at the parish office. We are also delighted to welcome back to COS the Rev. Deacon Jess Elfring-Roberts after her sabbatical. Today is the 10th anniversary of her ordination.

Every Week

Monday Matters Video Post | Posted Mondays at noon on Facebook and YouTube, Brian offers an ongoing reflection on soulfulness in the Bible.

Morning Glories Bible Study | Tuesdays at 7am in the Pleasant Room and on Zoom. *

Morning Prayer with Bible Study | Tuesdays at 10am in the Rectory and on Zoom. *

Compline @8:30 | Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30pm on Zoom. *

- Zoom information found at chicagocos.org or by contacting office@chicagocos.org

Upcoming Events

Annual Parish Meeting | Sunday February 5 at Noon

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“I’m all in.” With these words, Mother Susan Osborne-Mott inspired all the folks who were at church on Christmas Eve. She wanted us to know that the truths expressed in the Bible are truths she fully embraces. And that the way we experience love today, so many centuries after Jesus lived in Galilee and Judea, is exactly the same as he intended his first-century disciples to comprehend.

It’s pretty straightforward: Trying to make love real without embracing the living truth of divine grace, as contemporary secular society is attempting to do, will always, quite simply, fall flat. It will never achieve the amazing impact of knowing—even in the tiniest way—that we have been loved *before* we began to love ourselves. As our vision statement says, love of God is connected to love of self, is connected to love of others (is connected back to love of God).

This is the point of church, in big ways and small ones, that God is with us. Knowing this, again in big ways and small ones, makes our lives fuller, richer and more whole.

January is the annual pledge season at Church of Our Saviour. Please consider as generous a gift as possible. The neighborhood in Lincoln Park, along with all of us, is also fuller, richer and more whole because of the simple ways, big and small, that keep community life here oriented to God’s love in ordinary lives.

Pledging is now available online at the COS website, or find forms on the narthex table.

