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# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 29, 2023

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Matthew 5:12*

### 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Reverend Armand Mercier  
Preacher: The Venerable Susan Oliver  
Crucifer: Henry Schuurman  
Reader: Barb Norton  
Chalice Administrators: Barb Norton, Steve Martin, and  
Lynda Phillips  
Prayer Scribe: Shirley Edwards  
Sidespersons: Trish Manns and Emily Moen  
Organist: Joy Berg  
Coffee Hosts: Lynda Phillips and Tom Snyder

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
our mothers Joyce and Miriam, sister Sue, our aunt Helen, and cousin Kerry  
from Linda and Tom*

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our  
dear friend Peggy Anne Field, missed very much, by Iris.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations,  
witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and  
its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the  
spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Opening Hymn: #537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

***The Gathering of the Community***

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

#702 Glory to God

**Refrain:**

**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. **R**

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. **R**

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 **R**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: 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?

Choir: When You Walk from Here

When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God’s humble care.

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. 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.'

Gospel Hymn: We Are the Light of the World (see Matthew 5:1-12)

**Refrain:**

**We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.**

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, they will inherit the earth.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, they will be comforted.  
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, they will be satisfied.  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Blessed are they who show others mercy, they will know mercy too.  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, they will behold the Lord.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Blessed are those who bring peace among us,  
they are the children of God. Bless us, O Lord,  
may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Bless those who suffer from persecution, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Bless us, O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **R**

Sermon:

Archdeacon Sue

The Apostle's Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was**

buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

*The Peace*

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain

**Refrain:**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;**

**I will cling to the old rugged cross;  
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God, left his glory above,  
to bear it to dark Calvary. **R**

In the old rugged cross, stain'd with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see;  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. **R**

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. **R**

Prayer over the Gifts

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,

**All: 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. Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. . . . . By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**#722 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord, God of power and might  
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; ..... All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**#745 Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Communion

*Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.*

Music during Communion

Choir Women: The Beautitudes (Butler)

Choir Men: Give Us Light (Charles Vas, India)

Solo by Jessica Heine: The Cross is Foolishness

Prayer after Communion

*(Remain standing)*

Celebrant: Source of all goodness,

**All: 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. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: 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.**

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song  
this cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh-- fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save  
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the love of God was satisfied  
For every sin, on Him, was laid; here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world, by darkness, slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave, he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'til he returns or calls me home, here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

Postlude: In Christ Alone

**This week we pray for:** Diocese of Ontario: the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop. The staff of the Diocesan Synod Office: the Rt. Rev. Stephen London (s. Stephanie), Bishop; Sarah Kemp (s. Grant), Bishop's Assistant; Scott Sharman (s. Alexandra Meek), Canon to the Ordinary; John Gee, Deacon and Synod Secretary-Treasurer; Margaret Glidden (s. Roy), Director of Communications; Shelly King (s. Richard), Deacon and Administrative Assistant. Buyé Diocese, Mwendo Parish: Samson Misago, Rector. All First Nations people of Treaty 6.

*Readings for Next Sunday*  
*Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);*  
*1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20*

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## Announcements

### **Candlemas Evensong: Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 pm**

Candlemas commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the temple and reminds us He is the light of the world. We will bless all the candles in the church that will be used throughout the year. You are invited to bring your own candles from home to be blessed as well. Following the service, join us for a wine and cheese reception.

## Exploring God's Love: Friday, February 3 at 5:00 pm



A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Please join us as we gather for food and fun! Please use the sign up sheet in the church hall or email the office ([admin@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:admin@christchurchedm.ca))

## Sacramental Preparation

We will be offering classes for the following age groups this winter/spring:

Children 6-9 years old: Life in the Eucharist

Youth 10-14 years old: Confirmation

Please contact Rev. Armand at [armand@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:armand@christchurchedm.ca) to sign up and/or with any questions.



**On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 please join us in the parish hall for our Annual General Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of 2022 and to determine the budget for 2023. All baptized parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and who attend services of worship regularly at Christ Church or who receive the administrations of the clergy of the parish and who have not voted at an Annual Meeting of parishioners of any other parish this year are entitled to vote.

**2022 Charitable Tax Receipts** have been emailed and mailed this past week. Please contact the office ([admin@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:admin@christchurchedm.ca) or 780.488.1118) after Thursday, February 2 if you have not received yours yet.

## The Beautitudes in Today's Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12)

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."