

FOURTH SUNDAY After EPIPHANY

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great
in heaven.

Matthew 5.12



Rejoice! -- Mural in Mission District, San Francisco,
CA

The Gathering of the Community

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

(Psalm 51.18)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found,
call upon him when he draws near;
let the wicked forsake their ways,
and the evil ones their thoughts;
and let them return to the Lord,
and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
(Isaiah 55.6, 7)

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1.8, 9)

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 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.**

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.

People: Amen

Opening Hymn:

Unto the Hills



Ullswater, early morning, Glover, John, 1767-1849

Unto the Hills

**Unto the hills around do I lift up
my longing eyes:**

**O whence for me shall my salvation come,
from whence arise?**

**From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
from God the Lord, who heaven
and earth hath made.**

**He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall his eyelids close,
who keepeth thee.
Behold, our God the Lord, he slumbereth ne'er,
who keepeth Israel in his holy care.**

**Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true,
thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defense on thy right hand
himself hath made.
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.**

**From every evil shall He keep thy soul,
from every sin:**

**Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
thy coming in.**

**Above thee, watching, he whom we adore
shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore.**

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

**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.**

The Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
O come, let us worship.

Jubilate, (alternating verses)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Micah 6.1–8



Dance of Miriam upon Crossing the Red Sea --
Chludov Psalter, State Hist. Museum, Moscow

Psalms 15, (alternating verses)

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.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

**4 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.

**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.

**God of love, teach us to walk blamelessly in your ways,
that our whole life may be established in you, and that
we may come to the place prepared for us by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 1.18–31



Homeless Jesus -- Timothy Schmaltz, Dominican
Convent, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Gradual Hymn

Blessed Assurance



Spirit of Truth -- Mary S. Watts, Watts Chapel,
Compton, England

Blessed Assurance, (3 verses)

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

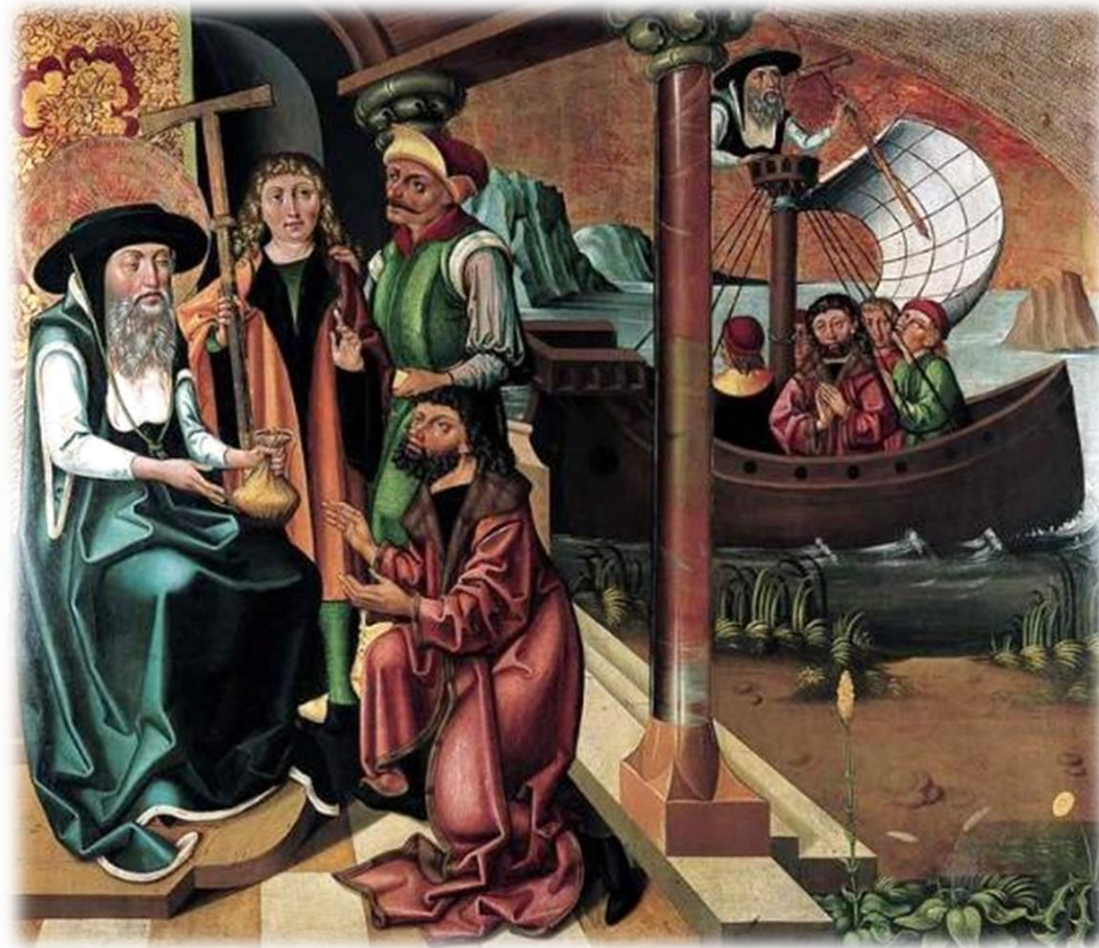
The Good News

The Gospel
of Christ
according to
Matthew 5:1-12



Sister Claire, Monastery of St. Damiano
and Sister Clare, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Sermon



Support to an Impoverished Merchant,
Master of the Legend of John the Merciful
Krakow, Poland

Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

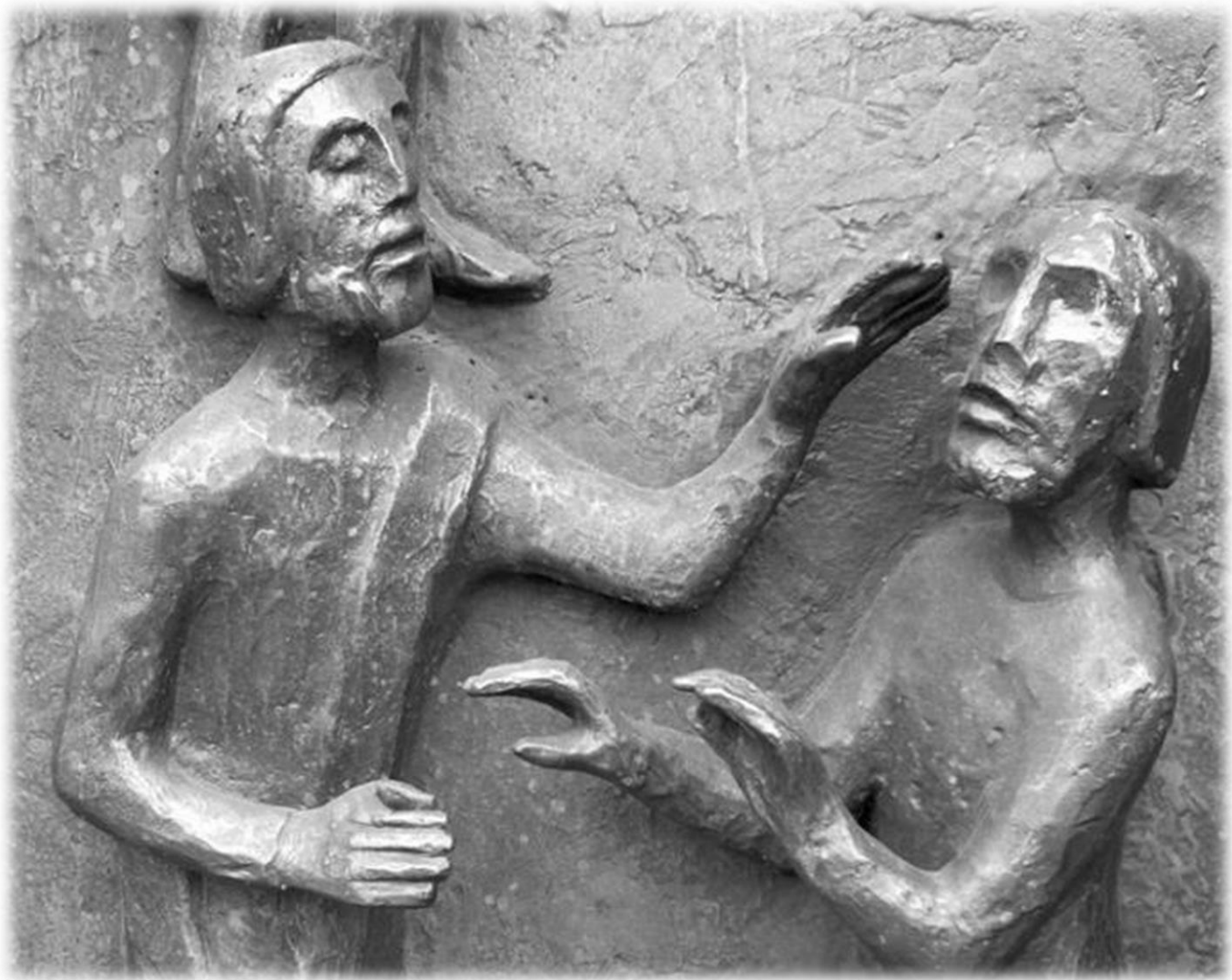
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**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.**

Prayers of the People



Healing the Sick, Henn, Ulrich

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – JANUARY 29 2023

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15, BAS, p.718, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Gracious God, here we are, gathered just as the crowds did so many years ago on a hill in Galilee. We are here not only to hear your word, but to also share with you the joys and concerns of our lives and those of the ones we love.

Hear us as we pray, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Jesus said “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

We pray for those who preach and teach your word in support of your kingdom, praying especially for Sandra our Bishop, Reverends Taunya, Bill, and Jerry and our entire lay ministry team.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for those poor in spirit, as a result of poverty, those living without the necessities of life, like food, shelter, safety or hope.

Inspire us, Great Provider to walk humbly with you, to create a more just world in which all have enough and none are left behind.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Jesus, said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

Merciful God, we pray for all leaders to choose your mercy, praying especially for those being victimized, unseen and unheard, trapped in systems of oppression, hatred and violence, from which they cannot escape.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for those poor in spirit, those who suffer in body mind and spirit, praying especially for those who we name aloud or share with you silently in our hearts. Grace them, loving God with your comfort and healing, and strengthen and sustain those who care for them.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Though we fear death and the pain it leaves behind,
Jesus said “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Heavenly God, guide us to this truth and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for the repose of the soul of DEBORAH
CHRISTEN.

Send your comfort of a peace that surpasses all understanding to them, to us, and through us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for all peacemakers, those children of God who work for peace and reconciliation in this fractured and conflicted world, a world divided and conflicted by race, gender, class, ideology, sexual orientation, and all other labels we alone have created.

Guide us, towards reconciliation and inclusion in our relationships with others, and remind us that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you, each and every one of us, your beloved child.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Jesus said “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

We give thanks, and pray for the pure in heart, for those who share their gifts with joyful and loving spirits, for those who easily see the face of God in both friends and strangers.

Protect and nurture them, loving God, as they live their lives as an example of your light in the world, and help us become more like them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Holy God, creator of all, that is seen and unseen,
we pause in this moment to offer you our other heartfelt
thanksgivings, intercessions and the concerns of our
hearts.....

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

Holy and merciful God, we give thanks to you for our lives which overflow with your blessings. But we know we **can** be, and **do** more. Guide us to walk blamelessly in your ways, sharing our blessings and proclaiming the good news of your love.

Receive these prayers and all the prayers and thanksgivings in our hearts, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, **and** in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

How Sweet The Name
of Jesus Sounds



Christ Crucified and Risen, Record number: [56938]

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds,_(5 verses)

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows,
heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**

**2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest,**

**3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
my never failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.**

**5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought,
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

Prayer over the Gifts

**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.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

**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 Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you
with favour and grant you peace.

Amen

Announcements:

Birthdays? Anniversaries?

Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign
Where'er The Sun



God's Shining Face, Millereau, George

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, (4 verses)

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessing on his name.**

**3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**