



The Season of
Epiphany

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude Ricercare, by Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Introit *Psalm 15: Lord, who may dwell within your house or on your holy hill? Tune Cheshire*

Welcome

GWA 42 God welcomes all

Call to worship

Opening responses, alternate verses

Psalm 15

1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
 Who may dwell on your holy hill?
2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
 and speak the truth from their heart;
3 who do not slander with their tongue
 and do no evil to their friends
 nor heap shame upon their neighbours;
4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised
 but who honour those who fear the Lord;
 who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
5 who do not lend money at interest
 and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

CH4 438 The Head that once was crowned with thorns

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Collect (said by all)

Foolish God,
shaming the strong
through the weakness of love;
turning upside down
the wisdom of the world:
may your blessing dwell
with the poor and hungry,
the grieving and abused;
may your peaceful revolution
be our joy and our reward

**through Jesus Christ, the power of God.
Amen.**

Old Testament Micah 6, 1-8

God Challenges Israel

1 Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 “O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 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.

5 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.”

What God Requires

6 “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?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

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

8 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?

All-age song GWA 175 Build up one another

1. When I wake up in the morning in my bed,
God behind, God beside, God ahead.
When it's later in the evening- sleepy head,
God behind, God beside, God ahead.
When I'm going on a summer holiday
God behind, God beside, God ahead.
When I'm opening my presents- Christmas
Day,
God behind, God beside, God ahead.
In the sunshine and the rain,
in the laughter and in the pain, yeah.

With us in the morning, with us in the day,
with us in the evening, always.

2. When it feels like you've been left out on
your own,

God behind, God beside, God ahead.

When there are no cards or letters, no one
phones,

God behind, God beside, God ahead.

When you fall out with your friends- feeling
sad,

God behind, God beside, God ahead.

When somebody in your family drives you
mad,

God behind, God beside, God ahead.

Stephen Fischbacher (b. 1960)

Gospel Matthew 5.1-12

The Beatitudes

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Apostles' Creed (said by all)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

CH4 551 In heavenly love abiding

Offering

Music “Our Father who art in Heaven”, by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Doxology: CH4 807

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Choir: CH4 651 Holy, holy, holy Lord. (James Macmillan's Sanctus from the St Anne Mass)

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession including The Lord’s Prayer

CH4 352 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in e, by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Worship leader Rev Scott McCarthy
Welcoming elder Jane McKenzie
Ushers David Hogg
Reader Peter Tulloch & Amy Leger
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir Peter Tulloch
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February to May. Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living

The Ignatian Spirituality Community-Geneva invites us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, reflection, and lived experience.

The programme provides opportunities to :

- reflect on our understanding of God and self
- become aware of the many ways God communicates with us
- try different methods of prayer as tools for engaging in conversation with God
- develop a personal spirituality that integrates prayer into daily life.

Four Saturdays: February 21, March 28, April 25, and May 23

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