

# Holy Eucharist

January 29, 2023

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## The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Year A

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### Prelude

### Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 574

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

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.**

**Song of Praise**  
*Awesome God*

**Chorus Book 1**

Our God is an awe - some God; He reigns from  
 heav-en a - bove With wis - dom, pow'r and love. Our

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system includes a first ending bracket over the final two measures, with a second ending bracket below it. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: Am, Em/B, B7, Em (1), and Em (2).

God is an awe - some God! Our God! Our

God is an awe - some God!

## Collect of the Day

*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.**

*All sit.*

## First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

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

<sup>2</sup>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.”

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.”  
<sup>6</sup>“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?  
<sup>7</sup>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?”  
<sup>8</sup>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?

*Reader* The word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

**Psalm 15**

*to be prayed in unison*

<sup>1</sup>**LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \***  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**  
<sup>2</sup>**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**  
<sup>3</sup>**There is no guile upon his tongue;**  
**he does no evil to his friend; \***  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**  
<sup>4</sup>**In his sight the wicked is rejected, \***  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**  
<sup>5</sup>**He has sworn to do no wrong \***  
**and does not take back his word.**  
<sup>6</sup>**He does not give his money in hope of gain, \***  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**  
<sup>7</sup>**Whoever does these things \***  
**shall never be overthrown.**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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;

<sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS 158

Make me a blessing

1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need, \_\_\_\_\_

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad;  
 2. Tell of His power to for - give;  
 3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you;

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife,  
 2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove  
 3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed,

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad.  
 2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live,  
 3. Un - to your mis - sion be true.

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,

Out of my life \_\_\_\_\_ May Je - sus shine; \_\_\_\_\_

Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray, \_\_\_\_\_

Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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



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

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit.*

## **Sermon**

*All stand as they are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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 [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Brothers and sisters, God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks."

*Intercessor* God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Give us your words and your wisdom. May we have the strength to bear the name of Jesus in all circumstances. For your blessing and guidance, **we give you thanks.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others. For your blessing and guidance, **we give you thanks.**

*Silence is kept.*

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth. For your blessing and guidance, **we give you thanks.**

*Silence is kept.*

God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors. For your blessing and guidance, **we give you thanks.**

*Silence is kept.*

God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life for all those suffering and sick [especially \_\_\_\_\_] Come to them, Lover of Souls, with healing in your wings.

*Intercessions welcomed, aloud or in silence.*

God, bless the dying. May their reward be great in heaven. Give to those who now mourn the blessing of your comfort. We remember before you [\_\_\_\_\_and] all who have died.

*Intercessions welcomed, aloud or in silence.*

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* For which other people or circumstances shall we pray this morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*All then kneel as they are able*

## **Confession of Sin**

*A Minister says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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 our Savior 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.**

*A Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand as they are able*

## **Peace**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## **Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

*Presider* O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.*

*The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing as they are able*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

Blessed are you, Lord God, for you have been everything you call us to be.

You have been pure in heart, for you called Israel to be your people, in whom all would find a blessing.

You have been merciful, for in your tender mercy you made the dawn from on high to break upon your people, to guide us in the ways of peace.

You have been a peacemaker, for in Jesus you broke down the dividing wall of hostility. In your Son, you showed your people how to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

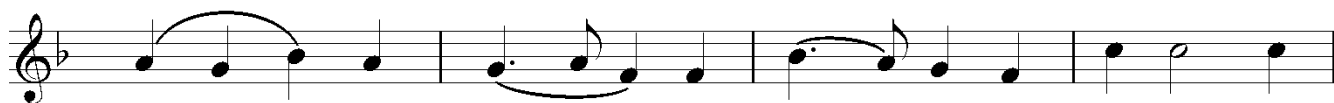
And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy**

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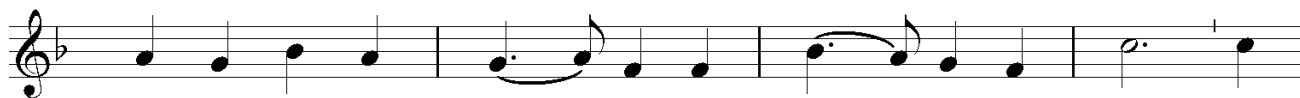
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues*

God our companion, in Jesus you comfort those who mourn, replenishing and refreshing those who hunger and thirst.

Fill your people now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, + that your children may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,  
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Presider and People*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues.*

God of glory, you promise that the meek will inherit the earth, and that to the poor in spirit belongs the kingdom of heaven. Visit now with your peace those who are persecuted for your righteousness and reviled on account of your name.

Shape your church to reflect the image of those you call blessed. Make us just; make us kind; help us serve. Lead all whom you call blessed to find a home in your church, that the church may be full of your prophets, and your prophets may be full of your grace, until all tongues cease, and tears are shed no more, in the presence and communion of your Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Presider*

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

Community of saints, beloved of God,  
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,  
to feast on the dreams of God,  
to be nourished by a taste of what God desires to do among us.

Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty, taking risks for one another, calling down unjust power from its throne and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened. Blessed are those, Jesus said, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

*The Presider then says*

And so let us come to the table, expectant, eager, open.  
May we taste the rich blessings of heaven  
born from unexpected places, and people, and experiences.

Give us the grace to remember that we are all one body, because we all share in Christ's love and life. For all of us who cannot gather at this altar today, may we remember that we are fully beloved, that God dwells in each of our hearts. For those of us who are present at this altar, may we remember that we are connected far beyond this time and place with all those who pray.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.*

## Post-Communion Hymn

## Chorus Book 51

*Soften my heart*

Soft-en my heart, Lord, soft-en my heart;  
From all in - dif - frence set me a - part.  
To feel Your com - pas - sion, to weep with Your tears;



*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Dismissal and Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak.  
Help the afflicted. Be a blessing to everyone.

And may the blessing +of the God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

**Hymnal 304**

1 I come with joy I to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

**Dismissal**

*Minister* Go forth to love and serve the Lord in the love of Jesus, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**This week in prayer**

Please remember these persons and churches in your prayers this week:

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

January 29 The Church of North India (United)

**Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:**

January 29 St Michael and All Angels, Cambridge Junction, and St Stephen's, Troy; those in the Church of Pakistan/United



**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)  
**and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

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**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. The **next Food In-Gathering is February 19, 2023**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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## Upcoming Commemorations

- Jan. 29 Andrei Rublev: Monk and Iconographer, 1430
- 31 John Bosco: Priest, 1888; and, Samuel Shoemaker: Priest and Evangelist, 1963
- Feb. 1 Brigid of Kildare, Monastic, c.523
- 2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas Day
- 3 Anskar, Bishop and Missionary, 865; and, The Dorchester Chaplains:  
Lieutenant George Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode,  
Lieutenant Clark V. Poling, and Lieutenant John P. Washington, 1943
- 4 Cornelius the Centurion; and, Manche Masemola, Martyr, 1928

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**January 30, 2023 – Epiphany 4 (A)**  
**Episcopal Service Corps: Empowering Young Leaders for Justice**

For more than 20 years, Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) has been built on the belief that change happens when we bring together diverse teams of committed and passionate young leaders and support them as they tackle some of our nation’s most difficult challenges.

ESC empowers young adults, ages 21-32, to transform themselves and the unjust structures that surround us all through community building, local collaboration, prayer, and action.

Joining Episcopal Service Corps means joining a community of people who care about each person as an individual. We invest in knowing each member’s hopes, dreams, challenges, and giftedness, and are dedicated to creating spaces of belonging where each person is accepted for their authentic self.

### What to Expect

**Community-building:** Community is at the heart of ESC. It means committing to coming together regularly to eat, pray, laugh, cry, and practice the type of reconciliation and forgiveness that only happens when we live in proximity.

**Spiritual and Vocational Discernment:** Every program offers formation days to pray, check-in, and discuss topics ranging from theology to vocational planning to social justice.

**Justice-Making:** Every corps deploys by volunteering through local placement sites for at least 32 hours per week. From farming to immigrant outreach and from ministry to community organizing, these opportunities place members in the heart of the community and offer experiential immersion, focused on honing professional skill development and moving forward social justice initiatives.

In Episcopal Service Corps, we do our very best to ensure our corps have structures behind them for a successful year. To that end, every member receives housing, utilities, health coverage, access to mental health resources, as well as small stipends to cover living expenses, transportation, and food.

The ESC application for the 2023-2024 program year is now open and can be found on our website, [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](http://EpiscopalServiceCorps.org). Questions? Contact Wendy Johnson at [esc@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:esc@episcopalchurch.org).

Your purpose is your why.

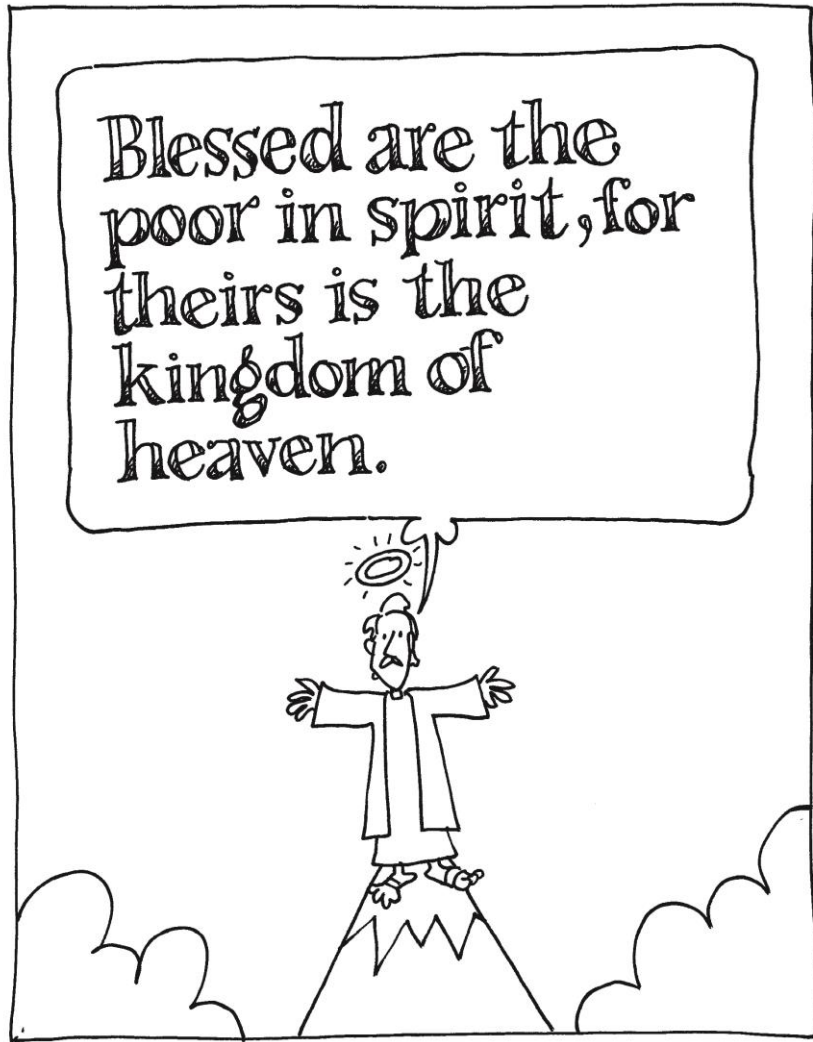
Through Episcopal Service Corps, young adults 21-32 are invited to a year of discernment. A year of listening and exploring, trying new things in new places. A year of considering how your unique gifts and experiences point you toward a life of meaning, of purpose.

Apply Today: [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](http://EpiscopalServiceCorps.org)

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**Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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