

Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Hymn

The Lord my God my shepherd is

Hymnal 663

1 The Lord my God my shepherd is; how
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 1

BCP p. 585

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of
the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.

The Christ who died but rose again

Hymnal 447

1 The Christ who died but rose a - gain tri - um - phant from the grave,
 2 What now can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ our Lord?
 3 The trou - bles that are ours to bear are trials we can - not flee;
 4 Thus noth - ing in the heights or depths, no power earth can af - ford,

now pleads our cause at God's right hand all - pow - er - ful to save.
 Can per - se - cu - tion, na - ked - ness, or per - il, or the sword?
 yet he who loved us from the first en - sures our vic - to - ry.
 will sep - a - rate us from the love of Je - sus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles, and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak

well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

All 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,

 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:

by the power of 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 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.

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.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

The Presider: Let us lift up the concerns of the world to God in prayer remembering all of God's created life on our planet, every human being, and our own personal needs and concerns

The Leader: Let us pray for the Church and each one of its members that individually and together we may boldly follow the Jesus who calls us to imitate his ministry, his compassion, and his faithfulness. We remember especially the Anglican Communion, our own Episcopal Church in the United States, our diocese – its people, parishes, and programs, and our companion dioceses of Bor and Brazilia. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Leader: Let us pray for the mission of the Church that we may confess our faith, extend the message of the Gospel, and serve the Kingdom of God in all we do. Lord in your mercy,

The People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Leader: Let us pray for the nations of the world asking God to guide all nations towards peace, justice, equality, and righteousness. Help all baptized Christians recognize that our identity as Christians is more important than our citizenship in any country and to work for the good of all people everywhere. Lord in your mercy,

The People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Leader: Let us pray for those who suffer in any way: for the sick, the dying, and those who grieve; for those who are oppressed by war, terrorism, and violence; for those who see us as enemies and those whom we see as enemies; for those in prison, those who are homeless and hungry, and those who are without hope or human compassion; for the earth that suffers the weight and destruction of human carelessness and greed; and for all others in need, asking not only that you would relieve this suffering, but that you might help relieve this suffering through the hands of Christians like us, and that our baptism might move us to be your hands in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Leader: We pray for those who have died into God's eternity, especially those whom we hold close to our hearts, _____; that the power of their baptism may be fulfilled in their share of Christ's resurrection, and that all who have died might be received and forgiven through the mercy of God. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: **Hear our prayer.**

(silence)

The Presider: Loving and gracious God, we give thanks for calling us to follow Jesus in ministry to all around us. Hear our prayers as we come before you in Jesus Christ through the power of your Holy Spirit.

The People: **Amen.**

All remain standing.

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The 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.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most

High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1874-1908) alt

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

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

The fifth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 people stand or kneel.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see the goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took

bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share in these gifts may be filled with your Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Peter our patron, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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

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

All say:

*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.*

All say:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today 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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

*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 for ever. Amen*

Breaking of the Bread

Then may be said the Fraction Anthem.

The Presider: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

The People respond: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All are invited to come to our Lord's table for a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessing of communion. Others may come forward for a blessing from the priest indicating this by crossing their arms over their chest.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Heal me, hands of Jesus

WLP 773

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis-
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment is written for both the right and left hands, with a grand staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with four numbered verses. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal melody.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

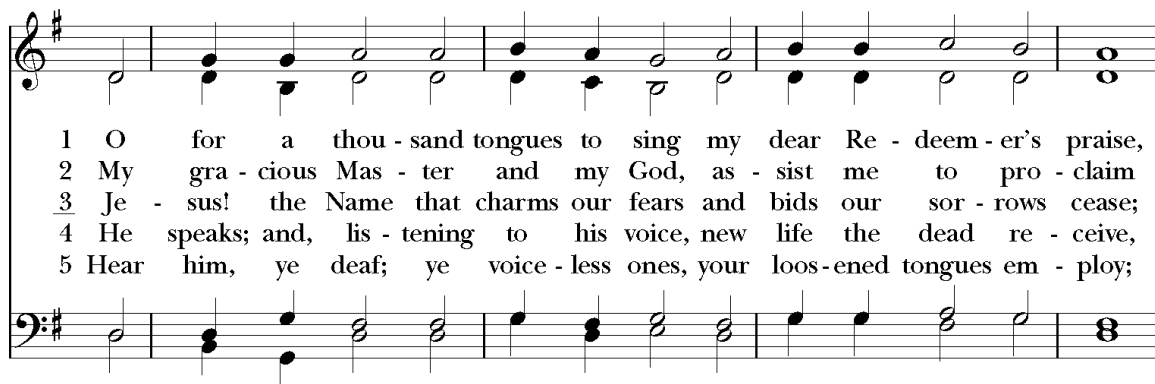
The priest blesses the people, saying

May the God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's countenance turn toward you and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

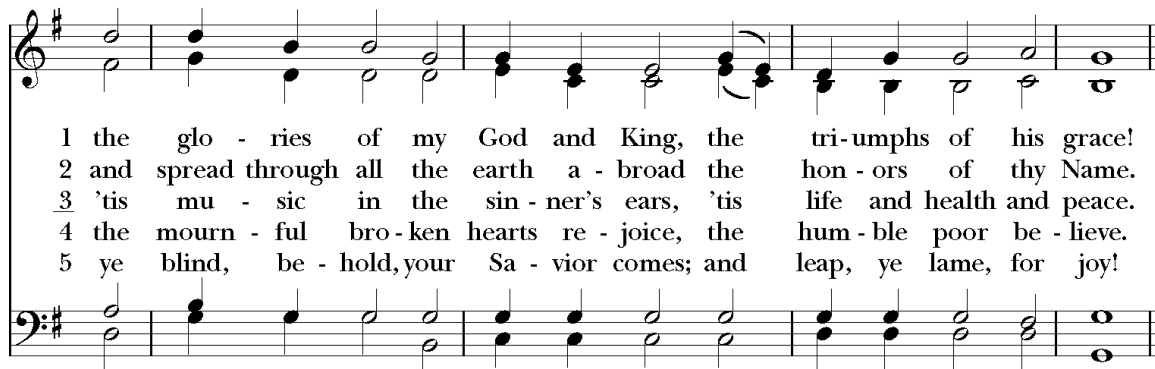
Recessional Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!!

A Note on Today's Readings

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany—Year C

Welcome to our parish. Today we have another aspect of Jesus' manifestation (epiphany) as Son of God: his teaching. As in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Luke's "sermon on the plain" begins with beatitudes. Some scholars believe that Luke's simpler, more direct version is closer to the original. Luke's version follows the beatitudes with woes for those who live differently. The issue is whether one's trust is in God—which it must be for those who are poor, hungry, weeping, and persecuted—or in oneself as is too often the case of the rich, full, laughing, and spoken well of.

In the first reading, God curses those who trust in mere mortals and blesses those who trust in God.

As we near the end of I Corinthians Paul continues to sum up his message. The resurrection of Jesus is central to everything. Our faith, our good deeds, and our hope of eternal life—all is futile if God did not raise Jesus from the dead. If all we expect of God is for our present lives, then we are to be pitied. But—says Paul, who himself met the risen Christ on the road to Damascus—Christ has been raised from the dead and our resurrection follows from his.

We gather week by week because we know that without God and without the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are nothing. With God, we are blessed and whether our poverty is in material things or in spirit, our hunger is for food and for righteousness, God meets our needs in word and sacrament. As people baptized into Jesus' resurrection, we draw life and strength to persevere from God.