

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

16 February 2025 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #296 *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria LEVAS p.243

BCP 355

Refrain

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
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1. Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of
God. *Refrain*
4. You take away the sin of the world have mercy on us.
5. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our
prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
7. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of the Father. *Refrain*

Amen

The Collect of the Day:

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10

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.

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

Psalm 1

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 Holy One, *
and they meditate on that 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 HOLY ONE knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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.

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

Hymn # 656

Blessed are the pure in heart

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

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Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

Offertory Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
Sanctus S125

EP "D"

BCP 372

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem S 154

Communion of the People

1 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.

Refrain:

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

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn #544

Jesus shall reign where're the sun

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing 1993*

Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion , and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Marlene Rhin, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, Daniel Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Delbert Hess.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Amy Whitlow, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, David Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Brooklyn Balamuta & Family, Jim Russell, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt. Tiffany Machik, Caroline Grace.

Readers and Greeters — February-March 2025

If you are unable to read or usher on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother know.

Sunday Readers

February 16	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Doug Zawiskie
February 23	Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert
March 2	Joann Lacko & Colleen Curry
March 9	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
March 16	Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella

Sunday Greeters

February 16	Tina Grate & Joann Lacko
February 23	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
March 2	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
March 9	Amy & Penn Whitlow
March 16	Sam & Heidi Buchan

CHICKEN & BISCUIT “TAKE OUT” DINNER

Mark your calendars: Saturday, February 22nd is our Chicken and Biscuit “Take Out” Dinner.

Please check out the February Grapevine for a list of items needed. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

We need everyone’s help to make this a success!

Sunday: The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday: Feb. 16th 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Vestry Meeting

Friday Feb. 21st 9:00 am Prep Work
Chicken & Biscuit

Saturday Feb. 22nd 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Chicken & Biscuit “Take Out”

Next Sunday: The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday: Feb. 23rd 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Church of the Nativity, Crafton
and the
Rev. Catherine Munz

Altar Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Theodore Fock
Perpetual Flowers

In Loving Memory of
Martha Petherbridge
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 43:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service.*