

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



February 16, 2020

8:15 a.m.





HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

As the Ministers enter, all stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.
People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and life, and seek you through reconciliation with all of your children: through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Read responsively by half verse

Psalms 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
 who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
 and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
 but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
 that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust as already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than that comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey

CREED

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith

Celebrant Let us profess our faith.

All **We believe in God the Father, God almighty,
by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, and all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate. He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven’s king to rule and reign,
to the Father’s side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

We believe in God the Spirit.

We believe in one Church, below, above:

saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

**So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Common Worship*, Church of England

- Reader* Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus, baptizing us with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to grow in hope.
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Lord Jesus, eternal Word, hear us as we pray for those who proclaim your word, especially Bonnie our bishop; Emily, David, and Anthony our priests; Chip our deacon, and all who teach, preach, challenge, and encourage.
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace.
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Lord Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray for our world and our country, especially for Donald our President, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and all who hold authority.
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Lord Jesus, fulfillment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer. We pray for **Jocelyn Burrell, Rosalind Clinton, Margie Deeb, David Dieter, Emily Hill, Cy Matthews, Joe Miller, Gus Mondalek, Pamla Moore, Carl Pfadt, George Port, Len St. Jean, Esther Tietz, Mimi Van Scoter, and Carol Ann Watson.** (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Lord Jesus, in whose light we see light, welcome into light perpetual those we love but see no longer. We pray for all who have died, especially Gretchen Wilbert, who died on Thursday, February 6, and Elaine Gregersen, who died on Saturday, February 8, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us and shower us with gifts of your Holy Spirit. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: **Garrett TenBrink, Sue Ann Parkinson, Jacy Harris, Harold Cherry.** (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, in and through you the Creator makes all things new. Transform our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. In your holy name we pray.
- People* **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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 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.**

ABSOLUTION

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

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord;

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 God thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give 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:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

All are invited to receive communion. Any who wish to come forward for a blessing rather than communion are invited warmly to do so, indicating such preference by crossing the hands onto opposite shoulders.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Nancy and Erich vom Steeg.*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Lector & Eucharistic Minister</i>	Letha Ann Steward
<i>Usher</i>	Jon Miller
<i>Vestry Representative</i>	Phil Brown
