

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

The Organ Voluntary

Land of Rest

Sir George Shearing (1919-2011)

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 423

St. Denio

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all laud we would render: O help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant †Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Celebrant and People

WLP 900

Gloria in excelsis

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The 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.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson

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.

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

The Response

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Peter H. Waggoner

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

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 | säats | of the | scornful!

- 2 Their delight is in the | law • of the | Lord, *
and they meditate on his | läw | 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 | dö | shall | prosper.
- 4 It is not | so • with the | wicked; *
they are like chaff which the | wīnd | blows a- | way.
- 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.

The Second Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence

Hymn 656

Franconia

- 1 Blest are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see our God;
 the secret of the Lord is theirs,
 their soul is Christ's abode.

- 2 The Lord, who left the heavens
 our life and peace to bring,
 to dwell in lowliness with us,
 our pattern and our King;

- 3 he to the lowly soul
 will still himself impart
 and for his dwelling and his throne
 will choose the pure in heart.

- 4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
 may ours this blessing be;
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple fit for thee.

The Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Celebrant 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."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Terri Brice

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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.

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the health and safety of those men and women who serve in the
Armed Forces: Stovall Knight and Chandler Celluzi.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We celebrate with those who have birthdays and anniversaries this week:
Lynette Pasek, Layne Esworthy, Susan Vesmarovich, Sparrow Benson, Bob &
Claudia White.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Janet Whitner, Steve
Novak, Baby Alice Rose and family, Rich Egan, Lynette Pasek, Joanne Britt
and her family, Jackie French, Gail Campbell, Leigh Ann Cole, Beth Travers,
Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, George Chesnut, Kendall Thomas, Sam Hood, David
Ronn, and Sandy Rutters.

We pray also for those who have long-term health problems or are
homebound: Hope Cunningham, Kimberly Gottardi, Sarah McLeod, John
Youd and Houston Suggs.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest: Myrtice Knight and Fred Scott.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

†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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Parish Notices

The Offertory Anthem

The Apple Tree

Mark Schweitzer (1956-2019)

The Presentation

Hymn 493

Azmon

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy Name.
- 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior 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 heaven.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Celebrant continues

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 for the 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal lowed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-
li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are
yours, now and for ev-er. A-men. A-men.

Setting: Barry McLeod, from *Mass for the Church of the Ascension*, © 2007 Barry McLeod

The 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.**

Celebrant and People

Fraction Anthem

WLP 875

Be known to us

Gary James (b. 1957)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,

Is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain

One body are we, alleluia,

For though many we share one bread.

Refrain

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem

Beatitudes

Russian Orthodox, arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Hymn during Communion

Hymn 304

Land of Rest

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
 in awe and wonder to recall
 his life laid down for me.

- 2 I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.

- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

If you are worshipping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. †I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 665

Michael

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

- 3 God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

- 4 Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

- 5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

In Death's Strong Bands the Savior Lay

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

The Altar Flowers are given by
Chad and Mary Beth Benson
to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for Sparrow
as we Celebrate her Second Birthday.

Please join us in the Parish Hall
for fellowship and refreshments.

You are called to ministry!

There is a place for you in one of the following ministries. Please contact the ministry leaders listed for more information about where your gifts may fit to strengthen our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure. If not sure where to start call the church office.

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Calendar of Events

February 20, 2022 – The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 27, 2022 – The Last Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Lessons and Carols & Holy Eucharist
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday

- 12:15pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
- 7:00pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist with Choir

March 3, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Sam Jones UMC, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

March 6, 2022 – The First Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

March 9, 2022 – Lenten Wednesday

- 5:00pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Salad/Sandwich Supper
- 6:30pm Formation activities for all ages
- 7:00pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

March 10, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Ascension, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

March 13, 2022 – The Second Sunday of Lent

- 2:00am Daylight Savings Time begins – Spring forward
- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

March 16, 2022 – Lenten Wednesday

- 5:00pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Salad/Sandwich Supper
- 6:30pm Formation activities for all ages
- 7:00pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

March 17, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Trinity UMC, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

March 20, 2022 – The Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall