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# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 12, 2023

## 8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

## **10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP#309 Praise The Lord With The Sound Of Trumpet

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Act of Praise – "Gloria" (Please see insert)

Children's Talk

## Collect of the Day

Presider Divine Gardener,

All you give growth to our seeds

and raise to abundant life that which seems dead.

Teach us to choose blessing and life, so that we may walk blamelessly,

seeking you through reconciliation with all your children.

Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

Reader

All

Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*

who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe your decrees \* and seek you with all their hearts;

who never do any wrong, \* but always walk in your ways.

You laid down your commandments, \* that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct \* that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, \* when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \* when I have learned your righteous judgements.

I will keep your statutes; \* do not utterly forsake me

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

And so, 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 quarrelling 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 labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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Gradual Hymn: CP#613 We Lay Our Broken World (vv 1-4)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:21-37

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; 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 guickly 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 has 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 this comes from the evil one."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider Blessed are the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live;

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain

## WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Presider Merciful God,

as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer – BAS #2 (p 196)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word,

through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary

and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you,

the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will

he stretched out his hands in suffering,

to bring release to those who place their hope in you;

and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,

and to give up his life on the cross,

that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,

and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection

he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory

of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,

(Please see insert) heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious God,

accept our praise,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

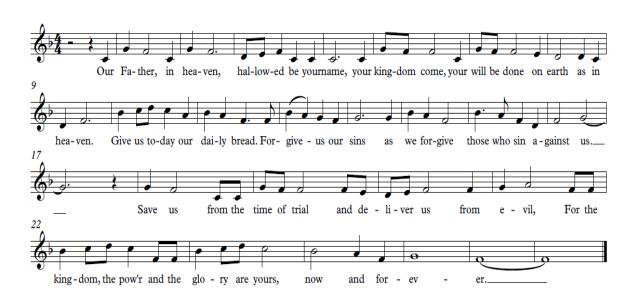
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

#### All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung) - (Music)

## The Lord's Prayer



The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the

one bread.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament in front of the altar. You may also indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Our healing prayer ministry is suspended for now.

Communion Music: Lamb of God – see insert

Seed Scattered And Sown

I Love You, Lord

I love you Lord and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear,

may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

# Prayer after Communion:

Presider God of abundance,

All with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ,

making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus

Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Presider Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

#### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

Presider The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,

to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit

you may come as one family to the kingdom of God. And the blessing of God: Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining, be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 600 You Call Us Out To Praise You (v 1, 3-5)

Dismissal

Presider May Christ, who sends us to the nations,

give us the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.



"The altar flowers are Sacred to the memory of the Millions of Children Starving or Killed by uncaring men before a frozen world." David Handley

#### 8:00 am

Presider & Preacher The Rev. Christine Conkin

Greeter Helen Lindholm
First Reading John Sager
Second Reading Helen Lindholm
Psalm Marilyn Pattison
Prayers Jane Turpie

Administrant John Sager Liturgical Assistant Gary Fisher

#### 10:00 am

Presider The Rev. Carmen Stansberry Preacher The Rev. Christine Conkin

Music Director Marlon Narciso
Tech Assistant Liturgical Assistant David Stuart

Greeters Gary Fisher, Darlene Fisher

Flowers Margaret Hood First Reading Angela Buckingham

Second Reading Joy Carroll

Psalm Lawrence Saracuse

Administrants Bruce Winter, Gary Fisher

Prayers Jayne Postuk

Chancel Guild Darlene Fisher, Gillian Hanlon

Counters Judy Trueman, Gary Fisher (Supervisor)

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