

# The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

Holy Eucharist 9:30<sup>AM</sup>



## St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius, Rector  
*The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth —Waldomiro De Deus*

## AN INVITATION TO THIS SERVICE

This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.** All are welcome at Christ's table. We welcome baptized

Christians of any tradition to share in the bread and wine. If you have not yet been baptized, or would prefer to receive a blessing from the Priest, indicate this by crossing your arms over your heart.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

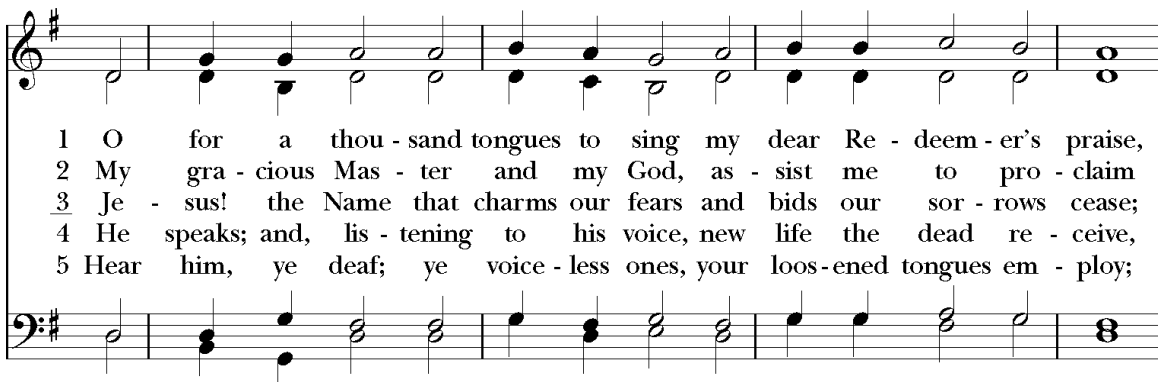
### *PRELUDE*

### THE WORD OF GOD

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

### **OPENING HYMN #493 VS 1,3,&5**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”



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!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR ABSOLOM JONES

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absolom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

✠ *Please be seated for The Lessons.*

A READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

*Read by: Pat Orlay*

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

*Led by: Pat Orlay*

- 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 on this law they meditate 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 judgement 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.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS:

15: 12-20

*Read by: Pat Orlay*

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

**SEQUENCE HYMN MHSO #20**

*Celtic Alleluia*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6: 17-26

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

✠ *Please be seated for:*

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND MARTHA OVERALL

✠ *Please stand as you are able and say:*

THE NICENE CREED

**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 VI)

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone .**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace .**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression .**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Bishop Andrew Dietsche, Bishop Allen Shin and Bishop Mary Glasspool and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School, and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.**

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Susan Matsen, Tom Acheson, Frederic, Peter, Bob Gowen, Yumi, Ronald Garvey, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Howard Flemming, Ellie Ruvo, Rosemary Recine, Robert Lynch, Joe Smith, and Angela Carozzo**

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Roberta Darrigrand; Jim, Marge, Deanna Ammirato , and Bill & Dorothy D'Amato.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Hudson Beauregard, Liz & Jeff Daniele, Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Marina Brandt, Linda Hill, Carol White, Steven Schubert, Paul Seltzer, Jeff and The Rt. Rev Andrew St. John**

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those who celebrate Birthdays this week

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. especially the over 5.6 million world wide and 900,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Silence*



*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*All:* **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, and 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.**

*Officiant:* 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**

✠ *Please greet one another with:*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Storyteller this week—  
Mother Mary+  
telling the story of  
Jesus calms the storm**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*In this prayer, the lines in bold are spoken by the People*

The Lord be with you.

**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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Priest inserts Proper Preface*

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*

**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.**

*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 again.**

*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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

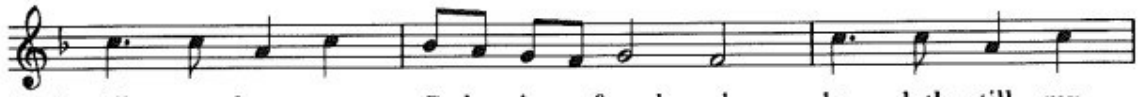
**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: 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.

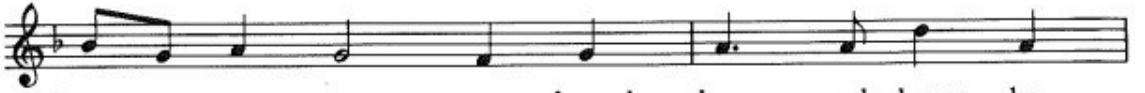
✕ *Please join in singing:*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN #665 VS 1,2 &3

All my hope on God is founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -  
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty and ever living 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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

✠ *Please join in singing:*

# THE CLOSING HYMN #440

“Blessed Jesus at thy word”

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly,  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

## THE DISMISSAL

**Deacon:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUPPORT DEACON LYNN IN THE CROP WALK:** On Sunday Feb. 27th. Deacon Lynn will walk to end hunger one step at a time. Please consider supporting her with a donation which she will match! Donations can be made by through St. Johns and by emailing Deacon Lynn at [lynn.werdal@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.werdal@gmail.com)

**EDUCATE/VALIDATE PROGRAM** Join the Church of the Good Shepherd for this interfaith all-inclusive series of four zoom seminars to help you better understand, relate to, love, and accept your LGBTQ+ family, friends, and neighbors. Program led by Julia Whalen (our own Megan's daughter!) and the Good Shepherd Vestry. First Seminar February 27th 6:30 PM LGBTQ+ History. Please email [educatevalidate@gmail.com](mailto:educatevalidate@gmail.com) or see the website to register. <https://sites.google.com/view/educate-validate-program/home> Please join us on this journey of love and acceptance!

**THRIFT SHOP:** The thrift shop IS OPEN—Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Come and see what is new. Volunteers can sign up using the Sign Up Genius. [Follow this link.](#)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** our next class is on February 22nd at 5:45PM. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

**ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK:** Be sure to see St. John's On-line Sunday School lessons on our [website](#) Contact Mother Mary+ if you are interested in becoming one of our storytellers

**TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM** Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11:00AM;** Please consider joining us on zoom. Link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 981708897

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