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Worship, Love, Live the Message

WORSHIP BULLETIN:
FEBRUARY 16, 2025 **8:45 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II Prayer A

The Rev. Annie Mertz
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE HYMN:

All stand.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 296) We Know That Christ is Raised

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p.355

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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY: BCP p.355

Let us pray in unity

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.**

GLORIA:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(S 278) Gloria To God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p.357

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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

The people sit.

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 1

Remain seated

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!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

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.

It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Remain seated

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 447) The Christ Who Died But Rose Again



GOSPEL:**Luke 6:17-26***All stand.*

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.

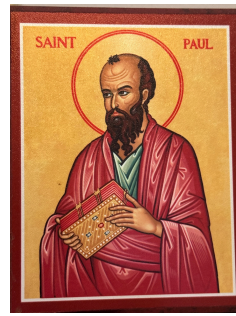
“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“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 the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz**THE CREED:****BCP p.358***All stand.*

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

All remain standing

CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP p.360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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 Celebrant 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: BCP p.360

All stand.

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

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP p.376

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 537) Christ For the World We Sing

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p.361

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

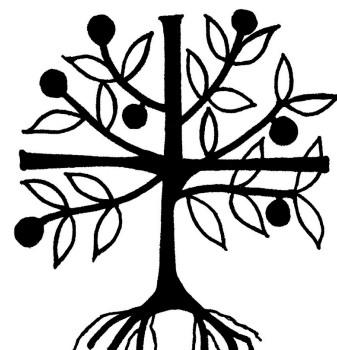
People: And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.



PROPER PREFACE: BCP p.370

Facing the Holy Table, 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...

...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:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people
Please refer to your hymnal
(S 129) Holy, Holy, Holy

BCP p.370

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all...

...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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

BCP p.370

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 BCP p.363

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal*
(S 161) Lamb of God

INVITATION

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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal*
(H 717) My Country Tis of Thee

COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*
(H 579) Almighty Father Strong to Save

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

BCP p.366

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal*

(H 544) Jesus Shall Reign

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



- * Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- * SSP St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- * Coffee Hour volunteers needed

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Emily Peterson

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL



WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army
Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army
Airman Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2/21 Don Zampa
2/22 Jim Turner

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	Bill Markley	Bill Markley
Lector	Karen Lowe	Martha Saldaña-Wolf
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Marjorie Lowry
LEM	Mary Frances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	Judy Furlong	Kimberly Rodekohr
Ushers	Fred & Mittie Railsback	Carole Johnson & Helen Kennedy-Lazar
Altar Guild	Liz Stallings & Kim Rodekohr	
Flowers Guild	Liz Stallings	
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson	
Verger	Bob Hall	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

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Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director
Cameron De Palma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
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TBA, Senior Warden
TBA, Junior Warden
Jill Morris, Ed Curtis, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Robert Vallejos, Kathryn Cojack



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CALENDAR

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
8:45 am +Communion
10 am Coffee Hour (P)
10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
11 am +Communion & Baptism
12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 2/17

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band
8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 2/18

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
7 pm +GGSOC Practice

WEDNESDAY: 2/19

7am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
10 am +Communion
11 am Bible Study (P)
4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
7 pm +GVRD Symph Band

THURSDAY: 2/20

7am AA Meeting (P)
7:30 am Coffee w/
Rev. Annie
9 am +Morning Prayer
6 pm +Music Practice

FRIDAY: 2/21

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
7 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 2/22

7 am AA Meeting (U)
10 am Vestry Retreat (P)

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
8:45 am +Communion
10 am Coffee Hour (P)
10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
11 am +Communion
12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
4 pm Meditation (P)
8 pm AA (P)



KEY

+ = CHURCH
P = PARISH HALL
U = UNDERCROFT
R = RECTORY
K = KITCHEN