

Sixth
Sunday
After
Epiphany
February 16,
2025

Prelude & Entrance Hymn

720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O-pen your heart! Show your . . mer-cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-less, so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth-er as



live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God.
 ha-tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis-ters and broth-ers . . . u-nit-ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-



oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

Greeting

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Arise, shine for our light has come.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: And the Glory of the Lord is upon us.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: Where merciful kindness and love are,

C: God is there.

A: Christ's love has gathered us into one.

C: Let us rejoice and be pleased in Christ.

A: May we fear and love the living God.

C: And may we love each other with a delighted heart. Amen.

(Anonymous 10th cent. French Chant, "Ubi Caritas")

Hymn of Praise

308 (vs. 1 & 2)

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord, as you came and taught your people long ago, come now and, in the words we hear, inspire our minds with new understanding, open our hearts to be filled with fellowship and compassion, and liberate our spirit in the hopefulness that your wisdom and love bring to us. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

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 draught 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

*Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,*

**or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

*but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.*

**They are like trees
planted by streams of water,**

*which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

*Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Paul teaches about Jesus and our Resurrection

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 God raised Christ--whom God 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. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being. For, as all die in Adam, in the same way, all will be made alive in Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

Refrain (*sing twice*)



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way. Still, You're rethere right be-



side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;



Please be near me to the end. *(to refrain)*



2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And



I will love you to the end. *(to refrain)*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 6

And having come down from the mountain, Jesus stood with them on a level place with a multitudinous multitude of his disciples and a multitudinous multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be made whole from their diseases and those who were being troubled with unclean spirits were healed. And everyone in the crowd was seeking to touch Jesus, because power came out from him and made all of them

whole.

And having lifted up his eyes to his disciples, Jesus said:

"Blessed, those poor, because yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed, those hungering, because you will be made full.

"Blessed, those weeping, because they will laugh.

"Blessed are you whenever the peoples may hate you, and whenever they may set you apart, and may criticize you, and may cast out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that particular day and leap! For behold, your reward is great in heaven, for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

However:

"Woe, you wealthy, because you receive encouragement.

"Woe, you who are filled now, because you will hunger.

"Woe, those laughing now, because you will mourn and weep.

"Woe, whenever all may speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the pseudo-prophets.

But to you, I say, those listening:

Wholistically love those hostile to you and do good with those who hate you!

Bless those cursing you!

Pray about those mistreating you!

To anyone striking you on the cheek, present the other and from those taking away your coat do not withhold the shirt!

To all asking from you, give!

And from those who are taking away what is yours, make no demand for satisfaction!

And, just as you wish others to do for you, do likewise for them!

And, if you wholistically love those wholistically loving you, what sort of grace is that from you? For, even sinners love those who are loving them.

And, if you may do good to those doing good for you, what grace is that from you? For, even sinners do the same.

And, if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what grace is that from you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again the same.

However, love those hostile to you, do good, and lend without expecting! Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind even to the ungrateful and the evil.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you may not be judged!

Do not condemn, and you may not be condemned!

Forgive, and you will be forgiven!
Give, and it will be given to you! A good measure, being
pressed down, shaken and running over will be given into your
chest; for the measure you measure, will be measured in return to
you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

[tune: 656]

1. Your ways are not our own.
O gracious God most high,
Yet we would follow in your paths
And on your love rely.

2. Christ teaches us to bless
The ones who curse and harm,
To turn the other cheek when struck,
Attackers to disarm.

3. Yet, we cannot excuse
Abuse in any form,

For all are children of your care,
And love must be our norm.

4. How shall we show your love,
Your pardon to believe?
You bid us share as we are blessed
And give as we receive.

5. Forgiveness is our joy,
Receiving, giving, too.
Keep us from judgments hard and cruel,
That we may dwell with you.

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Offertory

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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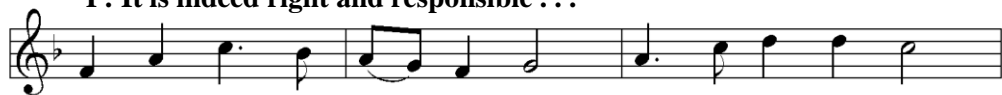
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.



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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Distribution Hymns

631, 754, 759



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet - er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet - er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

**Post Communion Blessing & Prayer
 Benediction
 Recessional**

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Dismissal



Sunday, February 16th

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School or
 Confirmation Classes

Tuesday, February 18th

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid
 3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite - 101 w/ Pastor Chris
 4:30 p.m. NO Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday, February 19th

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group
 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 22nd

4:00 p.m. First Communion Class w/ Pastor Chris
 5:00 p.m. First Communion Class w/ Pastor Chris

Sunday, February 23rd

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes