

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany:

February 16, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am

BLESSINGS AND WOES

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Variation on *How Brightly Shines the Morningstar*

D.Buxtehude

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.
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.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet 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.

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

Psalm 1 *(Prayed antiphonally by whole verse, alternating between East and West)*

**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 they meditate on his law 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 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.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 6:17-26

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

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 human. 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; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who 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

In the light of this season, we bring our prayers before God, that we may live as witnesses of Christ's Gospel of love to all people, discerning and speaking the truth, caring for the vulnerable, and building beloved community.

Enlighten the Church, O God.

For Julia, our bishop, and for all who minister in and from the church, that they may proclaim with zeal and pastor with tenderness. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; The MANNA Community; Cathedral Chapter; The Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the community at the Terraces in Orleans who share our worship each week.

Enlighten our Ministers, O God.

For all in public authority, that they may serve the common good with mercy and integrity and be ever mindful of those without power or property.

Enlighten our State, O God.

For ourselves, that we may be mindful and actively supportive of those of us who are poor, those of us who are homeless and destitute, and all who suffer due to human greed.

Enlighten our Conscience, O God.

For those who live in fear for their lives, their families, and their homes, that their prayers for relief and asylum may be heard and their lives of dignity restored. We remember before you those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest: Ukraine and Russia, Haiti and Sudan. We give thanks for the cease fire between Israel and Gaza and pray for its permanence.

Enlighten our World, O God.

For those among us who are sick and infirm, especially Gerry Ainslie, Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Sally Drew, Joan Payne, Jennifer Peters, Henry Shepherd, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, Pam Thomas, Eloise Thompson, Meg Zaks, Brant, Carole, Dave, David, Kathy, Lauren, Linnea, Maggie, Marcos, Pat, Sarah Jane, Jean, and those we now name silently or aloud, (*Pause*).

We name silently or aloud those for whom we pray.

that they may be delivered from their pain and distress and restored to wholeness of life.

Enlighten our Darkness, O God.

For all who have died, especially Dan English, and for those we now name, (*Pause*)

We name silently or aloud those who have died.

that they may know God's peace and perfect freedom in a kingdom that is forever.

Enlighten our Hopes, O God.

We give thanks for the birth this week of Adalyn Anne, and name before you now those others in our lives for whom we are thankful.

We name silently or aloud those for whom we give thanks.

Create in us grateful hearts,

And keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

The Concluding Collect

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the weary, comfort the afflicted and shield the joyous. Grant us all things necessary for our common life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

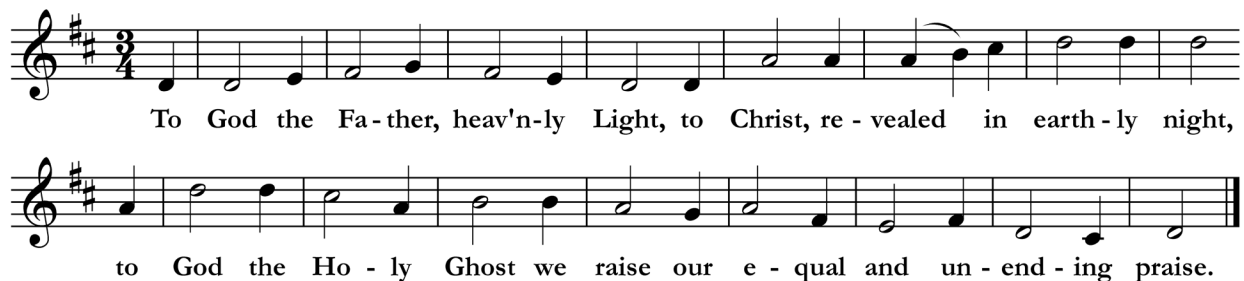
Light of the World

Karen Marroli

Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.
Once we walked in darkness, now bursts forth your light.
Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.
Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.
Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love; teach us how to follow.
We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.
Christ, in your image, we will greet the world; this is how we follow.
Light of our days, we feel your dawning call,
Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all.
Christ, you have claimed us, you have made us one; we will always follow.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 124



To God the Fa-ther, heav'n-ly Light, to Christ, re-vealed in earth-ly night,
to God the Ho-ly Ghost we raise our e-qual and un-end-ing praise.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-sa-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

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 Christ. 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 God,

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

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S-155

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn WLP 749 The tree of life my soul hath seen

Apple Tree

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and
2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly
4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit-less be Com - pared with
ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in
rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus
faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the ap - ple tree.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first five lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the remaining lines of the hymn. The third staff contains the final line of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Hymn WLP 811 Be not afraid

Bob Dufford

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
 2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea you shall not
 3. Bles - sed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be
 thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe - ty though you
 drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames,
 theirs. Bles-ted are you that weep and mourn for
 do not know the way. You shall speak your words in
 you shall not be harmed. If you stand be - fore the
 one day you shall laugh. And if wick - ed tongues in -
 for - eign lands and all will un - der - stand. You shall see the
 pow'r of hell and death is at your side know that I am
 sult and hate you all be - cause of me, Bles - sed
 face of God and live. Be not a - afraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.
 with you through it all.
 Bles - sed are you! 1. to Vss 2,3 2. Final
 Come fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help those in need. Comfort the afflicted. Honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may God's blessing be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn WLP 782 Gracious spirit, give your servants

Abbot's Leigh

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's cap - tives
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our great high
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the no - thing - ness of
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing, un - be -

3
free, hope to heal the bro - ken heart - ed, peace to share love's
priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture to re - deem the
space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty, turn - ing cha - os
gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice, right - eous and for -

5
li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of glad - ness to the
last and least: let your cour - age and com - pas - sion shape and
in - to grace; when we feel con - fused and fruit - less, dawn up -
12 gi - ving One; so en - fold us in your mer - cy that our

wound - ded and op - pressed; help us claim and show God's fa - vor
guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior and our Shep - herd,
on our rest - less night; give us faith's im - ag - i - na - tion,
wills and yours u - nite; through us may the world be - hold you,

29
as a peo - ple called and blessed.
lead us to the truth that frees.
hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light
find your love, your truth, your light.

The Dismissal *Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude **Gigue on *How Brightly Shines the Morningstar*** D.Buxtehude

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Minister of Music Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers Priscilla Isner, Celia Calhoun

Readers Katharine Mockett, Jean Collins, Kate Paradise

Ushers Mary Hammatt, Dick Koeppen

Altar Guild Gail Binney-Sterne

Altar Flower Guild Cynthia Murray, Nancy Miller

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