The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



Sunday, February 16, 2025 10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 405 - All Things Bright and Beautiful

REFRAIN:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

- Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.
- The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

- 3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.
- 4. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 Hymn # S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

DURING THE GLORIA CHILDREN AGES 5 THROUGH 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO FOLLOW THE CROSS TO THEIR OWN CHILDREN'S CHAPEL.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 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!

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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE SONG - Cannons

It's falling from the clouds
 A strange and lovely sound
 I hear it in the thunder and rain
 It's ringing in the sky
 Like cannons in the night
 The music of the universe plays

CHORUS:

Singing You are holy great and mighty
The moon and the stars
declare who You are
I'm so unworthy but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing
of how great You are

Beautiful and free
 The song of galaxies
 Reaching far beyond the milky way
 Let's join in with the sound
 Come on let's sing it out
 As the music of the universe plays

BRIDGE:

All glory honor power is Yours amen All glory honor power is Yours amen All glory honor power is Yours forever amen

THE GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Rev. Mark Crawford

SERMON RESPONSE

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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, BCP 392

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; Nancy our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers, including the Vestry, staff, and ministry leaders of Calvary Church;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially _____;

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, especially ______, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions $% \left(\mathbf{r}_{i}\right) =\mathbf{r}_{i}$

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; 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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.'

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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, and the power, and the glory are Yours now,
And forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

These are 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.

Chaten

Gluten Free hosts are available for communion. Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION SONG 1 - How Beautiful

- How beautiful the hands that served
 The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
 How beautiful the feet that walked
 The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
- 2. How beautiful the heart that bled That took all my sin and bore it instead How beautiful the tender eyes That chose to forgive and never despise
- 3. How beautiful the radiant Bride
 Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
 How beautiful when humble hearts give
 The fruit of pure lives so that others may live

4. How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth

CHORUS:

How beautiful how beautiful How beautiful is the body of Christ

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Facedown

- Welcomed in to the courts of the King I've been ushered in to Your presence Lord, I stand on Your merciful ground Yet with every step tread with reverence
- 2. Who is there in the heavens like You? And upon the earth, who's Your equal? You are far above, You're the highest of heights We are bowing down to exalt You

CHORUS:

And I'll fall facedown as Your glory shines around Yes, I'll fall facedown as Your glory shines around

So let Your glory shine around Let Your glory shine around King of glory, here be found, King of glory

COMMUNION SONG 3 - You Said

CHORUS 1:

You said ask and I'll give the nations to you O Lord that's the cry of my heart Distant shores and the islands Will see Your light as it rises on us You said ask and you will receive
 Whatever you need
 You said pray and I'll hear from heaven
 And I'll heal your land

You said Your glory will fill the earth
Like water the sea
You said Lift up your eyes
The harvest is here
The kingdom is near
 Oh Lord I ask for the nations

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

RECESSIONAL SONG - Revival

As sure as gold is precious and the honey sweet
 So You love this city and You love these streets
 Every child out playing by their own front door
 Every baby laying on the bedroom floor
 Every dreamer dreaming in their dead-end job
 Every driver driving through the rush hour mob
 I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones
 You're going to send revival
 Bring them all back home

CHORUS:

For I can hear that thunder in the distance Like a train on the edge of the town I can feel the brooding of Your Spirit Lay your burdens down Lay your burdens down 2. From the preacher preaching when the well is dry
To the lost soul reaching for a higher high
From the young man working
Through his hopes and fears
To the widow walking through the veil of tears
Every man and woman every old and young
Every father's daughter every mother's son
I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones
You're going to send revival
Bring them all back home

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (these words may differ from time to time)

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service 10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service 5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service

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