



The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

THE OPENING HYMN (Red Book p.29)

How Great Thou Art

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

Collect For Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets or hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

The First Reading

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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The New Testament

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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People: **Glory be to you, O Lord**

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."

P.: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

THE SERMON

Rev. Stepheya Sandhana

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form I)

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THE CONFESSION

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THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY

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

**EUCARIST PRAYER A
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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THE COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's table to receive the sacrament. If you do not choose to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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PRAYER LIST

Let us pray for our congregation, community and especially:
Paul, Kevin, Mandy, Eugene, Mr. Ramon, Patty, Vit & Phyllis, Debbie,
Ali, Aron, Craig, JoKay, Mark, Janet, Button, Dolores, Rene, Diana G.,
Jim, Joe, Bill, Josiah, Joshua, and Dennis.

(Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.)

PRAYERS FOR MISSION

Pray for 121st Council of the Diocese of West Texas

***Please join us for the Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany on
February 23, 2025.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1, 2025 – Yard Sale. We are now accepting donations.

Restrooms are located inside the Parish Hall. Children may go to our nursery during the service, in the Parish Hall. Ask for Diana Bates.

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