

## Worship for the Sixth Sunday After Epiphany – February 13, 2022

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ares” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*We begin the service by acknowledging that we are sinners and that God forgives us—we are practicing how to love one another—saying ouch and sorry and I forgive you.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Dear Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves. Reveal to us your mercy, bless us with right relationship with you and with our neighbors, for Jesus Christ’s sake.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful Savior,

**Like Peter we could fall down before you and say, “get away from me, Lord, for I am a sinner.” For we are both captured by and contribute to the hollow brokenness of the world.**

**Please call us by name, claim us, forgive us, make us people who heal and help and follow after you, in Jesus name. Amen.**

God’s love overflows and God’s mercy is relentless. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your Sin, in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – LBW#300

“O Christ, Our Hope”

Verses 1 & 6



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's might - y  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den of our  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us of our



Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
paid; you now as - cend the Fa - ther's throne in  
pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
mer - cy pur - i - fied, by mer - cy pur - i - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
our future great reward;  
our only glory, may it be  
to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;  
all glory ever be  
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
through all eternity!

GREETING

*We gather together in worship, because we don't do this alone, but as a community formed around Jesus Christ. Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there.*

Jesus who was revealed in a manger, at a river, and during a wedding feast. We gather expecting Jesus to keep showing up, in food, water, and community.

**May it be so.**

KYRIE

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*We weekly hear the story of God in scriptures, sermons, and creeds because there are so many stories told in this world and there is a real danger that we will forget our own.*

### **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.

God's Word, revealed to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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 God's teaching 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 shall be destroyed.**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 6:17-26**

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] 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.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY      WOV#763      "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

Verses 1 & 3



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## PRAYERS

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer (especially). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you (especially). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We give thanks, because it helps us recognize that all good things come from God. We practice being thankful.*

## CHORAL ANTHEM

### "We Bring His Light"

-John Purifoy



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray,

Merciful God,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## HOLY COMMUNION

*When we receive Holy Communion, we consume what we are, the Body of Christ.*

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.**

Yes! We praise you for the love, fidelity, and mercy that you continually show to us.

Your presence could shake the heavens and the earth, but instead we experience you as a resting place and refuge. Thank you.

You were faithful to Moses in his wanderings and Miriam through her song. You showed your mercy to the widow of Zarephath through your prophet Elijah.

Thank you.

Your mercy shined on the Magi and reflected out into all the world. Your son Jesus brought joy to the feast and blessings to the least, last and lost. The grave could not hold him and his Spirit pushes us to live out his good news. Thank you.

We thank you and join the song of your Church in every age, and the heavenly angels as well:

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.

On the night in which he was handed over,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in the remembrance of me.

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

#### 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.**

Let us lift up these common elements of bread and wine, as we ask your Holy Spirit's blessing that they might be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Body of Christ, given for you.  
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

May Christ's body and blood strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

#### BENEDICTUS



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Praise and thanks to you almighty God, for you have revealed yourself to us in bread and cup. Be generous to us, please, that we might be faithful to you and loving to our neighbor, for Jesus' sake.

**Amen.**

SENDING

*We are sent out to be salt and light, revealing God's love to a world that needs it.*

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN      LBW#543 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Verses 1 & 4



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**