

The Sixth Sunday
after the Epiphany
February 12, 2023

MORNING PRAYERS
Rite Two

Leader: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may come to the ends of the earth.

Officiant

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*
Thanks be to God

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

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.

The Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. *Amen*

Antiphon

Officiant and People

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

*serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

*he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

*go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 119

(Psalm 119:1-8)

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to

possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah
Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he has come to his people and set them free

He has raised up for us a might savior, *
Born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would be saved from our enemies,
*
from the hand of all who hate us;

He promised to show mercy to our fathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;

This was the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear*
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life,

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*
for you will go before the Lord to prepare this way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation*
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death*
and guide to our feet into the way of peace

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

(1 Corinthians 3:1-9)

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Canticle 21

You are God: we praise you;*

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:*

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

The glorious company of apostles praise you.*

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;*

*Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.*

You, Christ, are the king of glory,*

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free*

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death*

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.*
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

*Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting*

The Gospel:

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(Matthew 5:21-37)

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Message: The Reverend Susan Riis

The Apostles' Creed

Leader and people together

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 to the dead.

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Prayers

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.

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit

The Officiant then says the following Collect

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.*

Prayer For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all
your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the
means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with
truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with
our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service, and
by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through
Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well- beloved Son that
when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this
world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the
knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and
remain with you always. *Amen*

Concluding Versicle

Let us bless the Lord, *Thanks be to God,*

Concluding Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be
with us all evermore. *Amen*