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The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 16, 2014

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## Prelude

*Lord of all hopefulness*

*Slane*

Chuck Condro, *soloist*

## The Word of God

*At the tolling of the bell, all stand.*

## Entrance Hymn

*When morning gilds the skies*

Hymnal 427

## The Opening Acclamation

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

## 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.***

## Hymn of Praise

*Through north and south and east and west*

WLP 822

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***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.***

## First Reading

**Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20**

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action.

He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 119: 1- 8** *Psalm is chanted on the long note. The text in **bold** indicates when to move to the shorter note.*



- 1 Happy are they whose way is **blameless**, \*  
who walk in the law of the **LORD!**
- 2 Happy are they who observe his de-**crees** \*  
and seek him with all their **hearts!**
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his **ways.**
- 4 You laid down your com-**mandments**, \*  
that we should fully **keep them.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so di-**rect** \*  
that I might keep your **statutes!**
- 6 Then I should not be put to **shame**, \*  
when I regard all your com-**mandments.**
- 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 **for-sake me.**

## The Second Lesson

## 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.

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

**The Gospel****Matthew 5:21-37***Celebrant*  
*People*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
***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.

*Celebrant*  
*People**The Gospel of the Lord.*  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ.*****Sermon****The Reverend Brad Rundlett**

## 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 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

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, Healer and Redeemer, we pray for the world, for all who suffer from poverty, disease, tyranny, war, and natural disasters. Enlighten our minds, improve our skills, and increase our compassion for the whole human family. **Giver of life, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Son of God, Prince of Peace, we pray for community, state, national leaders, and for the people they serve; grant us wisdom, a passion for peace, the determination to improve conditions for every person on this planet, and the will to preserve the earth. **Savior of the world, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World, we pray for the Church; inspire and guide us, help us to be thoughtful, generous, brave, and true, in our service and witness to you. **Lord and Master, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Miracle Worker, Friend of the forsaken, we pray for people who are alone and lonely, homeless, in prison, addicted, abusing and abused, who suffer from mental torment. Give us the knowledge and skill to support one another through the journey of life. **Merciful Messiah, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Bread of Life, Hope of the World, we thank you for opening Heaven's doors to all of God's people; we remember individuals we love who have died, and we pray for people who are dying now. **Lamb of God, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Kingdom's King, Bestower of Blessings, we praise you and thank you for your gracious providence, for the innumerable gifts you continually present to us, for promises beyond our wildest dreams. **Gracious One, Sovereign of the Universe, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Holy Promised and Anointed Christ, we remember your vow to be with us always; we celebrate your presence here and now, and throughout the world. **Living Water, Cup of Salvation, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Blessed Christ, we pray that your Spirit will live and grow within us. Transform us with your love. Perfect our worship, witness, and service. **That love, peace, hope, faith, and joy may spread throughout the world. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

*Celebrant* 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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Offering

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

(9:30 only)

*O come, ye servants of the Lord*  
St. Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs

C. Tye

(11:00 only)

*O Christ the Same*  
Milan Shepherd, *Soloist*

*Londonderry Air*

### Presentation Hymn

*How wondrous and great*

Hymnal 533

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

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

### Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

WLP 858

*Celebrant and People*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

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 Son. 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 Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Timothy and 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

***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.***

## Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

## Fraction Hymn

*Seek ye first*

Hymnal 711, v.1

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Administration of Communion

### Communion Hymn

*Strengthen for service*

Hymnal 312

*Laudate Dominum*

WLP 829

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All ***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.***

## The Blessing

### Recessional Hymn

*God of grace and God of glory*

Hymnal 594

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

## Postlude