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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16th, 2020

Welcome to the season of Epiphany where we celebrate that the story of Jesus is a “light to all nations.” To celebrate this reach of the Gospel to all peoples, our liturgical music has a global flavor, and the sanctuary will be filled with light. Come and worship with the Lord of the Nations.

We have “Listen” ear pieces available for the hearing impaired—simply ask one of the ushers!

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (*Please stand as you are able*)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars. Let us come before God, confessing our sin with the assurance of God’s grace and mercy.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Holy and merciful God,

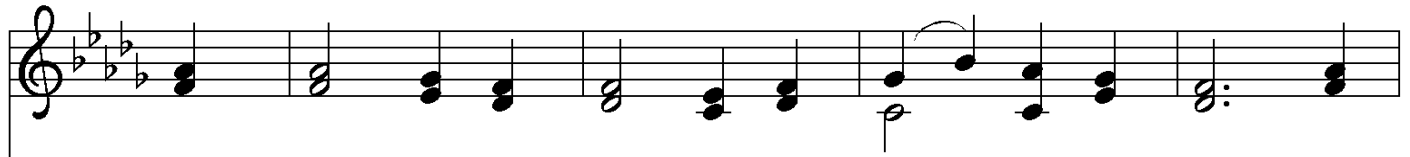
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Here and now by Christ’s authority, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in Jesus’ name!

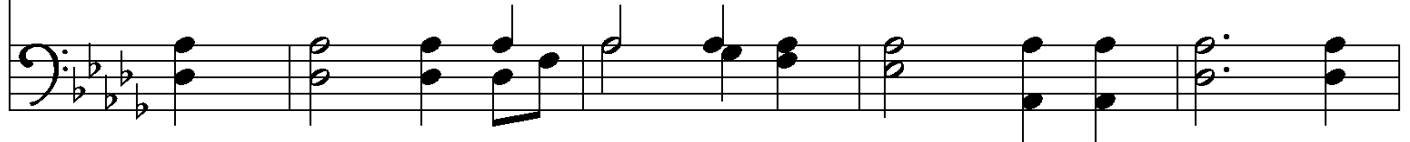
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

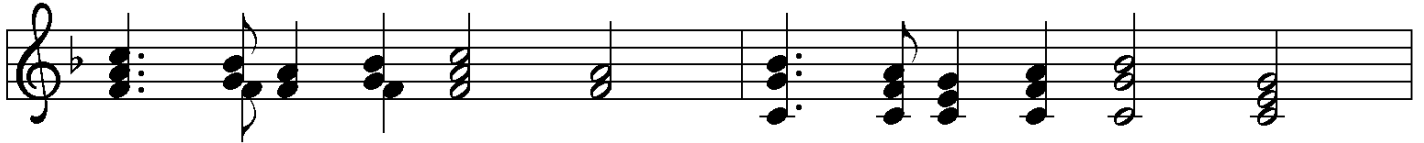


Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (Russian Orthodox)



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.
 Chris - te e - le i - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise (Peruvian)



1 Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
 2 Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
 3 Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!



Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

(Please be seated)

THE WORD

Children's Sermon:

Kids' Word (11am) ~ *Kids approx. ages 4-8 can go and hear the Word through story, crafts & games. Please meet in back of the sanctuary. Children return after sermon.*

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation (11:00) Satan Down (Choir) *arr. by William Allen Pasch*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Caribbean)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But 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. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then

come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come 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. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If 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. ³⁰And 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.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But 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.

³³“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.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Paula

(after a brief period of reflection, please stand for the hymn of the day)

Hymn of the Day Listen God Is Calling

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

1 2

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919
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Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace

Community Time- *Please pass the black friendship pads, and refer to your bulletin for important announcements.*

The Offering

THE MEAL

Offertory

(Please stand as you are able)

Offering Response (English) Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring (vs. 1 & 3)

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. God of all creation,

C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be your light and life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (South African)

Leader Assembly

Ma - si - thi! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!
 Sing prais - es! A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!

A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.
 A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A - men, a - men.

A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!
 A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(All)*

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, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Distribution~ All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are really present. We commune by "Intinction." As you are ushered forward, extend your hand to receive the bread (or ask for a gluten free wafer), and dip it into either the red wine or white grape juice. You are also invited to remain at the altar rail for a brief time of prayer and meditation if you wish. Adults who do not receive the supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Lamb of God (Contemporary American) (sung by all)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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 Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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(When all have returned to their seats, please stand as you are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The Benediction

P: God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

C: Amen

We want to connect with you following worship. As you exit the worship space, head to your right for:

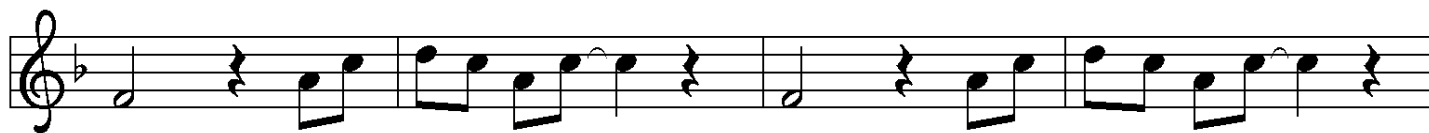
- ❖ *Following early service - Donuts and coffee before All Ages Sunday School*
- ❖ *Following late service - "Sacred Grounds" – enjoy sweet and savory snacks (and occasional entertainment!)*



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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Dismissal

L: We are grace filled

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Altar flowers for Feb 16th Wayne & Shelley Ferber, to the Glory of God.

Special Thanks

Today's Worship Leaders (February 16th)

February Altar Care: (8:30) Mary Serbousek, Deb Marsch

(11:00) Eric & Sheri Bockelie, Ann Daly

Liturgists: (8:30am) Tom Hawks (11am) Sue Shultz

Communion Assistants: (8:30am) Tom & Marilyn Hawks, Lou Ann Wood,
Julie Harpel (11am) Kay & Clint Kersten, Wade & Patti Randall

Readers: (8:30am) Betty Koster (11am) Billie Jean Liedahl

Acolytes: (8:30am) Unavailable (11am) Max Rubenstein, Sebastian Kassler

Next Week's Readings: Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9.

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

Prayer and Care: Priscilla LaCroix, with a broken ankle that requires surgery. Gabby and Dru Ludwig in the death of Gary (Memorial Service this Saturday). Peace and comfort for Jessica Godfrey for a safe pregnancy as her child is not expected to live. Bill Holland, rehabbing at Northwoods.

Recovering from illness/surgery: Sue Bernhardt, Carl Susag, Olivia (Jean Sherbesman's granddaughter), Don Thorsen, Dori Pitts, Sean Hamrick, Delaney Gallagher and Kevin Crane.

Facing Cancer: Cindy Harness, Jim Weisbrodt, Alan Rue, John Ackenhusen, Cathy Bohman, Elizabeth Domahidy, Angela Dice, Dave Ryan, Jim McKelvy, Ron Maddux, Kathy Schaeffer, and Carol Wales.

Deployed & Military Support & their families: Paul Voigt, Jillian Radtke, Bradley Schaeffer, Aaron Gray, Rebecca Mackey, Eric Fromm, Megan Seawolf, Jared Cain, Andrew Catron, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: James Duncan, Ellen Posadas, Lucile Lampi, George Gillies, Peggy Grigg, Mary Huff, Ace Edwards, Hilma Bridges, Matt Ryan, Web Rhodes, Randy Fossum, Clara Barr, Marilyn Running, Fran Maeirt, Dave Hagen, Craig Messett, Linda Burt, Laura Gessner, Arlene Phillips, Jadon Sansgaard, Don Leonardy, John and Nancy Matronic, Jean & Bill Locke & Michael Klein.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.