

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *A Song Without Words* Craig Phillips (b. 1962)
Natalie Law, Bassoon

THE WORD OF GOD

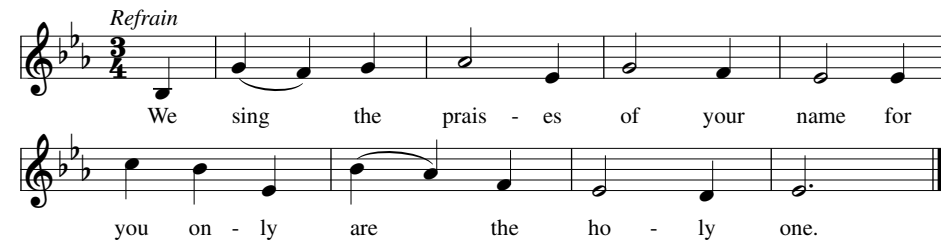
Processional Hymn 296: *We Know that Christ is Raised*

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

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

People **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.**

Canticle of Praise: *The Song of the Redeemed*



O ruler of the universe, Lord God
great deeds are they that you have **done**, *
surpassing human **understanding**.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and **truth**, *
O king of all the **ages**. *Refrain*

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your **Name**? *
for you only are the holy **One**.
All nations will draw near and fall down **before you**, *
because your just and holy works have been **revealed**. *Refrain*

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**. *Refrain*

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**.

The First Lesson: *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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1



Choir 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

ALL Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

Choir 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.

ALL It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Choir Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

ALL For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson: *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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 635: *If Thou but Trust*

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

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The 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

Please stand or kneel

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need. *A brief silence* O God, you root those who trust in you by streams of healing water. Release us from the bonds of disease, free us from the power of evil, and turn us from falsehood and illusion, that we may be blessed with new life in you.

People **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are anxious about money or employment. Help us all to be grateful for what we have, share whenever possible, and ask for help when necessary. In the midst of our doubts or on the point of giving up, give us a clear assurance of your never-failing care and the role we are to fulfill in your eternal purpose. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission of the church. Inspire our witness to Jesus Christ that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Guide this parish family of St. Andrew's as we seek to nurture the spiritual growth of our congregation and serve those in need in our community and beyond. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

O God, you made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all people may serve you in harmony and peace. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Your healing touch makes people whole. Soothe the pain of those people living with illness and grief. We pray for those listed on our prayer list, and all whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Surround them with your healing presence, and grant them compassionate and skilled caregivers. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we pray for those who are dear to each of us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

God in heaven, we give you thanks for all those we love but see no longer, remembering especially Tyler Mclean, who died this week; Katherine Matthews Kaufman and George P. Dakmak, in whose memory the flowers are given this week; and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* May they have rest and peace in your presence. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

God of every land and nation, you have created all people and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Offertory Anthem: *Prayer of St. Theresa* David Conte (b. 1955)
 The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee; all things are passing; God never changeth; patient endurance attaineth to all things; who God possesseth in nothing is wanting. Alone, God sufficeth

Children's Entrance Hymn 656: *Blest are the Pure*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: *Meditation on 'Adoro te Devote'* Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
 Natalie Law, Bassoon

Communion Hymn 314: Humbly I Adore Thee

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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

Closing Hymn 493: *O for a Thousand Tongues*

Dismissal

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Dance*

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