

# The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16th, 2025 10:30 am

We welcome ALL: People of Color Immigrants LGBTQIA+ Drag Queens Partnered and Single Differently Abled Families and Children Young and Old Our Unhoused Neighbors The Alcoholic and Addicted Believers and Those Questioning Faith Anyone Who Desires a Spiritual Home.

Calvary's welcome extends to all. But more importantly— God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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#### HOLY EUCHARIST

# PRELUDE

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 493	O for a thousand tongues to sing	Azmon

#### SALUTATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

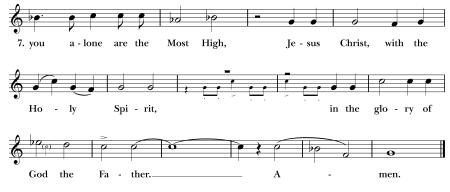
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### GLORIA HYMN S-278

Setting, Mathias



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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Please remain standing

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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.* 

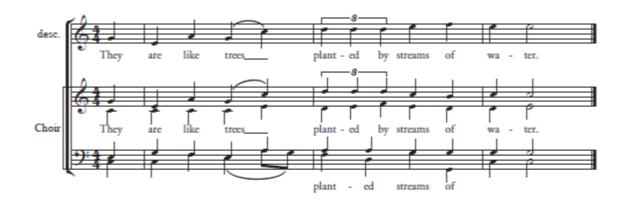
# A READING FROM JEREMIAH Please be seated

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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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Jeremiah 17:5-10





- <sup>1</sup> 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!
- <sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the [law of] the LORD,\* and they meditate on his law [day] and night.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.

#### Antiphon

- <sup>4</sup> It is not [so with] the wicked;\* they are like chaff which the [wind blows] away.
  - Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [judg]-ment comes,\* nor the sinner in the council [of] the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the [way of] the righteous,\* but the way of the [wicked] is doomed.

#### Antiphon

# A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS

I 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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

# SEQUENCE HYMN 440

Blessed Jesus at thy Word

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Luke 6:17-26

## THE GOSPEL

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Please be seated

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

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We believe in one God,	
<ul> <li>the Father, the Almighty,</li> <li>maker of heaven and earth,</li> <li>of all that is, seen and unseen.</li> <li>We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,</li> <li>the only Son of God,</li> <li>eternally begotten of the Father,</li> <li>God from God, Light from Light,</li> <li>true God from true God,</li> <li>begotten, not made,</li> <li>of one Being with the Father.</li> <li>Through him all things were made.</li> <li>For us and for our salvation</li> <li>he came down from heaven:</li> <li>by the power of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,</li> <li>and was made man.</li> </ul>	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. <i>Amen.</i>
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he suffered death and was buried.

#### Please stand or kneel PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and hymbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; priests, and deacons; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments*.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

We pray today especially for those on our Calvary Prayer List and those you wish to pray for, silently or aloud. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.* 

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

# Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues

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 Please stand

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS Please be seated

# THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

# MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

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JOHANNES BRAHMS

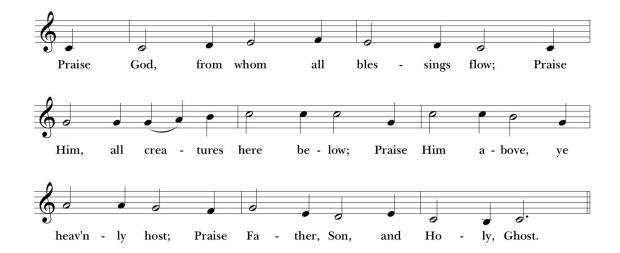
Let nought afflict thee with grief; Be calm, as God ordains, And so may my will be contented.

Why take thought for the morrow? The one God who gives thee What is thine watches over all.

All in thy doings be steadfast And true. What God decrees Is best, and this it is acknowledged.

## THE DOXOLOGY Please stand

PUER NOBIS



# INVITATION TO COMMUNION Please remain standing

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.* 

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their

courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-128 Please stand or kneel

Setting, Mathias



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Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.* 

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

#### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.* 

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

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THE 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 for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



#### THE COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

ELIZABETH POSTON

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green; The trees of nature fruitless be, Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel, By faith I know but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see, In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought; I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the Appletree. I'm weary with my former toil -Here I will sit and rest awhile, Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

# COMMUNION HYMN 656

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 544 Jesus shall reign where e're the sun DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Deborah, Norm, Larry, Bill, Betsy, Ben, John, Michael, Greg, Warren, Sandra, Bonnie, Cindy, Brandon, Shelby, Bob, and Rusty.

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DUKE STREET

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPCOMING EVENTS** Big things are happening! The Parish Life Committee will be asking you to help...

TODAY, Please join our Shared Coffee Hour at Calvary with our friends from Our Merciful Savior, St. George's, and Christ Church Cathedral on February 16th at 12:30. This is a little later than our usual Coffee Hour so plan to stay to welcome our guests!

On February 23rd we will honor our very own Jim Barnes for his many years of love and care for Calvary in a variety of capacities and naming him Verger Emeritus. Please bring cards and well wishes to share with Jim during Coffee Hour.

March 2 is the Bishop's Visitation with confirmations. Please come and celebrate as we welcome our newest Episcopalians at Calvary.

March 4th is Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. We will enjoy a pancake dinner and bury the Alleluia Banner in preparation for Lent which begins on Wednesday, March 5th. Our service with Imposition of Ashes will be at 6 pm on the 5th.

**POTLUCK SIGN UP** To celebrate the Bishop's visit on March 2nd, we will host a potluck after the service. Please use the sheet in the Coffee Hour area to sign up to bring a dish for us to share.

**INQUIRERS' CLASS** Please join us for the Inquirers' Class at 9:30 on Sundays in Lee+'s office to learn about all things Episcopalian.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We need volunteers to help facilitate the Red State Revival with Nadia Bolz-Weber on March 6th. If you are available to help, please email Lee+ to sign up and get more information before the event. Thank you!

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to join in weekly Bible study of the readings from the Daily Office led by Robert Devers each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Lee+'s office.

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