

Holy Trinity Church

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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 2022

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Reverend Judith Lee, Celebrant & Preacher

Lana Pieczynski, Organist

Jean Frost, Eucharistic Minister

Prelude: *We will glorify / Gloria Patri* Arr. Carol Tournquist

Processional Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God only wise* H#423

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, 355

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Celebrant 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: *said in unison* BCP, page 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray (*said by all*)

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading A reading from the Prophet 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

Silence

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit* **BCP, page 585**

said by all, in unison

1 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!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 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.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

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

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Silence

Holy 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Judith Lee

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

In faith, hope and love let us pray for God's people throughout the world, for our Presiding Bishop Michael and for our Bishop Douglas, for this gathering, and for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, saying *Lord, make us one*.

That we worship God in spirit and in truth. For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for the salvation of souls.

Let us pray in the will of Christ: **Lord, make us one.**

That we may be freed from our sins against one another: from prejudice and hasty judgment; from ignorance or pride; from isolation and exclusivity; from apathy and complacency.

Let us pray in the forgiveness of Christ: **Lord, make us one.**

That the leaders of all nations may seek peace and justice, and that they may give priority to the poor and the homeless, to children, refugees and victims of random violence,

Let us pray in the spirit of Christ **Lord, make us one.**

That the churches may discover again their unity in the one baptism, that we may share joy and wonder at God's works.

Let us pray with the heart of Christ: **Lord, make us one.**

That this congregation may discern God's purpose with wisdom and courage,

Let us pray in the strength of Christ: **Lord, make us one.**

That our homes may be filled with grace during this coming year, and that our families may have confidence and peace in following Christ.

Let us pray in the wisdom of Christ: **Lord, make us one.**

That all Christians may embrace together Christ's command to care for those in need; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the outcast.

Let us pray in the mercy of Christ: **Lord, make us one.**

Prayer for the Parish:

O everlasting source of Love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the Kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen.

The Confession

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The Peace

Announcements and 'God Moment'

You are invited to offer a brief comment about God in your life. If you have shared recently, please allow others to speak.

Offertory *The Lord my God my Shepherd is (H#663)* Instrumental

The Liturgy of the Table

Presentation Hymn: Hymnal #380 vs 3 only	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP, page 367
Sanctus	BCP, page 367
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, page 364
Fraction Anthem	BCP, page 364
Communion Hymn: <i>Nade te turbe</i>	<i>Instrumental</i>
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP, page 365

Blessing

Recessional hymn: *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* **H#544**

Dismissal

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Sunday- Thank you for bringing canned or dried soup for the Food Pantry today.

Looking Ahead:

The Vestry has voted to lift the mask mandate for being inside the church building beginning **March 1st**. Prayer books will be returned to the pews and seating restrictions will be lifted. Masks will be available.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday March 2nd 5:30-6:30

Parish families and friends are invited. Please contact Eileen DeMings to learn how you can help.

Ash Wednesday – March 3rd

- **Ashes to Go – 7-9am & 4-6 pm – Bethlehem Lutheran Parking Lot** [345 Main St, Sturbridge, MA 01566]
- **Noon** – Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in the church
- **7 pm** – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes in the church

March 6th 1st Sunday in Lent – Youth will share leadership

•**Flowers on the Altar:** We would like to adorn our altar with flowers again! The flower sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please use a flower envelope to leave your payment. \$28 cut; \$38 arrangement

•**Winter Parking Information** Beginning December 1 and ending April 1, Southbridge limits parking on Hamilton Street. Please see the information below to avoid a parking ticket!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE STREET.

On Even Dates:

- Midnight to 7pm, park on the **ODD** side of the street
- 7pm to midnight park on the **EVEN** side of the street

On Odd Dates:

- Midnight to 7pm park on the **EVEN** side of the street
- 7pm to midnight park on the **ODD** side of the street

*If you are parking at the church for a class or meeting **BEFORE** 7 pm, you must obey the rules for that **DATE** for parking **before 7 pm!** You are not required to leave the class or meeting to move your car.