

Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist
February 17, 2019, 10:30 am

Luke 6:20b

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, beginning on
page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

Processional Hymn: *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*.....656

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Glory to God.....S 280

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons (*we sit*)

The Old Testament 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.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 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!**

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

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.

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

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

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

The Epistle 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.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:
*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (we stand).....*635

The Gospel – Luke 6:17-26

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Eleanor (Drake) Whitelaw

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.

Prayers of the People (Form II, page 385 BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding we offer our own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for Kee, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Here in our parish, we lift these names of those from Beans & Rice yesterday who asked for your blessing and care: *(The lay reader reads the names.)* We pray also for **Brian Hudson, Jere Van Etten, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Laura Foss, John Haynie, Andy Stricker, and Mike Oniffrey**, and the others whose names we call. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, including those we name. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

During this silence, members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.

I ask your prayers for _____ .
I ask your thanksgiving for _____ .

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *(we stand or kneel)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Gathering Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*.....SH 60:1

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn:
We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More.....296

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The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C (page 369 BCP)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 129

We stand or kneel

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 and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel; 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,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. We keep a period of silence.
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: *Take Our Bread*

Chorus:
**Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.**

**1. Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.**

Chorus
**2. Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best that
we could.
We are yours, we are yours.**

Chorus
After Communion, the people stand or kneel.

Let us pray.
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: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*.....544
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Janani Luwum, a modern-day martyr. He was archbishop of Uganda during the reign of strongman Idi Amin in the mid-1970s. As archbishop, he organized a protest among all Christians against Amin, culminating in Amin's summoning Luwum to Amin's palace. The Christian leaders who accompanied Luwum were dismissed but Amin ordered Luwum retained. He was never seen alive again. Amin's government announced that he had died in an automobile accident while resisting arrest, then delivered his bullet-riddled body to Luwum's family several weeks later.

Early in his confrontation with the Ugandan government, Archbishop Luwum answered one of his critics by saying, "I do not know how long I shall occupy this chair. I live as though there will be no tomorrow... While the opportunity is there, I preach the gospel with all my might, and my conscience is clear before God."

Serving at Epiphany this week: Ushers: To be determined Altar Guild: Dana Barlow Lay Reader: Amanda Borden Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden Refreshments: Pam and Jere Van Etten	And next: Ushers: Mike Rallo and Dana Barlow Altar Guild: Betty Weldon Lay Reader: Lee Borden Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten Refreshments: Lee/Amanda Borden
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