

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on Franconia

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Exsurge, quare*

Anglican Chant: J. Riding

Arise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? Awaken, and cast us not away for ever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our adversity and misery? Our belly cleaveth unto the ground; arise, and save us, O Lord, our helper, and our deliverer. O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us.

Hymn 427: “When morning gilds the skies”

Laudes Domini, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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 in Excelsis (*Hymnal S 202*)

All: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of Deuteronomy. (30: 15-20) *sit*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If 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. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I 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. I 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, loving 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: 1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!**

3 Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
4 **You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
6 **Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
8 **I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 656: “Blest are the pure in heart”

Franconia, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
(5: 21-37)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But 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. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come 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. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If 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. And 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. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But 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. 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.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams

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The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Deon, our Bishop-elect; Kelly and Joseph, our clergy; for our parish staff; and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, remembering especially the ministries of Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Chris Canepa, Lucy Dolan, Brooke Erwin, Clayton Hicks, Bryan Miller, Rory Sabbah, Carl Schuldt and Rebecca Tyler, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially Marie Schmitz, for Claire Fowler, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously bestowed upon us, hear the petitions and intercessions of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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 Absolution

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory Anthem

Malcolm Boyle (1902–1976)

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion,
and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee.
He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied
with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee:
because he trusteth in Thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:

Let the people praise Thee, O God,
yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God shall give us His blessing.

– Psalm 65:1,2,4; Isaiah 26: 3,4; Psalm 67: 3,6,7

The Presentation (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*)

Old 100th, *stand*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 114*)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Administration of the Sacrament

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Anthem

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Jesu, the very thought of Thee, With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far, Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

– *Latin, 12th cent.*; tr. Edward Caswall

Hymn 312: “Strengthen for service, Lord”

Malabar

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 344: “Lord dismiss us with thy blessing”

Sicilian Mariners, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
by Healey Willan (1880–1968).*

MUSIC NOTES: Malcolm Boyle (1902–1976) was born in Windsor, England, and sang as a boy chorister at Eton College. He was the Organist and Master of the Choristers at Chester Cathedral from 1932 to 1948. It was during this time that the Welsh organist and choral conductor George Guest was a chorister at Chester and first sang Boyle’s anthem *Thou, O God, art praised in Sion*. For many years the only edition of this piece was one that Guest had written down from memory. • Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874–1946) was the Organist and Choirmaster at the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Saint Peter in York, better known as York Minster, from 1913 until his death. *Jesu, the very thought of thee* is one of the finest short anthems in the Anglican repertoire.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Witt Fowler,
in loving memory of Claire Fowler.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce Ryder, Wendy Olk
Ushers: Mike Newport, Randy Parham, Bruce Mardis, Levi Edgerton
Acolytes: Will Frank, Parker Leatherman, Thomas Leatherman
Charles Martin, Nell Melton, Henri Sokolich
Acolyte Master: Ann Randazzo
Hospitality: Mimi Carnal, Jean Saunders
Altar Guild: Annie Vogt, Connie Lohr, Cheryl Gelstein, Jan Craig, Wendy Olk
Counters: Lisa Acker, Nancy Burke

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller and Carl Schuldt.

For Family and Friends: Chris Canepa, Lucy Dolan, Clayton Hicks, Rory Sabbah and Rebecca Tyler.

For the Faithful Departed: Marie Schmitz.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Kathy Sheehan, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Rolla Wetzels and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

SUNDAY FORUM (new incarnation of the “Rector’s Forum”) meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. Come this morning to learn about the Saints contending for the Golden Halo in the holy battle that is **Lent Madness!**

LENT MADNESS – Join the clergy, staff and parishioners in the “saintly smackdown” known as Lent Madness! During Lent, thirty-two saints do battle to see who will win the coveted Golden Halo. Fill out your bracket today! **To participate, donate \$20 for Outreach and submit your completed bracket to the Church Office by Shrove Tuesday, February 25th.** Bracket sheets and instructions are **available at the breakfast tables and Welcome Table on Sunday mornings**, in the Church Office, and on our website. There will be a small prize, and bragging rights for the winner.

THIS WEEK...

MONDAY – The Church Office and buildings will be closed tomorrow for the Presidents’ Day holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency call 314-993-2306 and press 2.

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

WOMAN’S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program, “What to say when someone is sick.” Our speaker will be the Rev. Amy Bertschausen, from Care and Counseling. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Our Thursday morning study has moved to Fridays! Join us at 7:00 on Friday mornings in the Elliot Room.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – We have reached \$1,066,780, 76% of our goal! Thank you to the 303 families who have pledged support to date. It is so important to have the support of all parishioners. Please help us wrap up our 2020 campaign by sending in your pledge, or pledge online at www.stpetersepiscopal.org. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

ST. PETER'S MISSION TRIP – Our youth Mission Trip is expanded to include **ALL** parishioners 8th grade and up! Join a few of our St. Peter's Youth and their parents as they head to the Appalachian region of Kentucky, June 14-20. This inter-generational trip will offer a great opportunity for anyone looking to do God's work and grow together in service. The cost of the trip \$750, with the first half due **by this Thursday, February 20**. Contact Fr. Joseph, josephww@stpetersepiscopal.org for more information.

WAFFLES AND THE SEARCH COMMITTEE?! – It's true! Come to the Sunday Forum at 9:15 a.m. on February 23rd to not only enjoy delicious **waffles** alongside your eggs and bacon, but to hear a presentation from members of the Search Committee and its Chair, Chris Knight, about the search for St. Peter's next Rector. If you have questions about the search process, this will be the perfect time to ask!

ROB IS COMING – Our Interim Rector, The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Voyle, will begin his tenure at St. Peter's on Sunday, March 1st. That morning's Sunday Forum will be your first opportunity to get to know Rob, and then we will welcome him at Coffee Hour with an introduction to some of St. Louis' finest delicacies. Gus' Pretzels anyone? Please plan on coming to meet and worship with Rob on his first day!

IT'S PANCAKE SUPPER TIME – Shrove Tuesday, February 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Pay at the door: \$5 per person, \$15 per family. Children under 5 eat free. Hosted by the Youth, the evening helps fund our youth program. Enjoy! And then

ENTER INTO A HOLY LENT ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th:

- 7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Grace Chapel)
- 12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (with Choir and Choristers)

Come and Worship!

WEDNESDAY SUPPER SERIES FOR LENT – “Yes!” Join our Interim Rector for a Lenten program designed to help you discover and live a life in which you can simultaneously say *Yes! To God — Yes! To your Neighbor — Yes! To Yourself.*

Come learn from Rob about discerning your core purpose in life, and how it can lead you to Yes! The program, accompanied by simple supper, will follow our 5:30 service of Holy Eucharist in Grace Chapel on every Wednesday of Lent (March 4th – April 1st). The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. Look for sign-up information online this week!

CHORAL EVENSONG – Sunday March 8th at 5:00 p.m. This is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music. The choral music is by American composers Searle Wright (1918–2004) and Craig Phillips (b. 1961). The canticles are Wright’s Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E minor. The anthem is Phillips’s “Keep watch, dear Lord,” a setting of a beloved prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16 - 23, 2020

Sunday	2/16		The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	2/17		Presidents’ Day Holiday Church Office and Buildings Closed
Tuesday	2/18	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:15 p.m.	Choristers
Wednesday	2/19	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	2/20	5:15 p.m.	Probationers
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	2/21	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	2/23		The Last Sunday after The Epiphany
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist