



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.

The Psalm

Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

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.

*Said together:*

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.

Second Lesson

*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.

Hymn *Blest are the pure in heart*

**H 656**



Gospel Lesson

*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."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

*Bless The Lord, O My Soul*

Ivanov

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To God the Father, heavenly Light*

*To Christ, revealed in earthly night*

*To God the Holy Ghost we raise*

*Our equal and unceasing praise*

from Hymn 124 v. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

**BCP 361**

*Sanctus*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S132

*The Lord's Prayer*

Traditional version, found on

BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem*

H-S 152

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

### Communion Hymns

*O saving Victim, open wide* H 311  
*Blessed Jesus, at thy word* H 440  
*If thou but trust in God to guide thee* H 635

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* H 423

### The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

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The Altar Flowers are given today by Charlie Blevins and Betty Nash in memory of loved ones.

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**Attendance Last Sunday 54**

### Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Beckett John Allen  
Chalicer Becky Beckett Alyson Bowling  
Lector David Hardin Alyson Bowling  
Altar Guild Linda Ammar Emma Slater

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Marlene, Lee Puckett, Sr., Alex B., Toni R., Jared Cregger, Kerrigan Farmer, Lindsey Parsley, Daisy Bowman, Ellie Spencer, Sue Godwin, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Ann Richardson, Sherry Mitchell, Carrie D., Sharon Cranfill,, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Audrey, Denny Arner, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Bob Waschler, Elizabeth Kane, Marilyn Denney, Judy Anderson, Debbie Wells, Paul Anderson, The Boggess and extended Concord University family, Ruby, Debbie & Jerry, Ed Arnett, Debbie Faber, Michelle Parks, the family of Janie Smith (Mary Catherine Williams' sister)

### Birthdays This Week: Denise Melvin, Jim Pulse, Margaret Marra

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by the Allen Family. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

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### Calendar of Events

Sunday – February 17 Parish Life Meeting after Coffee Hour  
Food Pantry bagging groceries after church  
Wednesday – February 20 ECM Dinner 6pm  
Vestry 7pm  
Thursday – February 21 Food Pantry 9-11am  
Wednesday – February 27 Chili Cook-Off at Union Mission  
Tuesday – March 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm  
Wednesday – March 6 Ash Wednesday  
Services at 8am, 12noon, and 7pm

### Announcements:

Parish Life Meeting: There will be a Parish Life Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour in St. Mary's Conference Room. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in this very important committee.

Needing Coffee Hour Help: We are in need of Coffee Hour volunteers! Please contact Mary Catherine Williams or sign up at the coffee station.

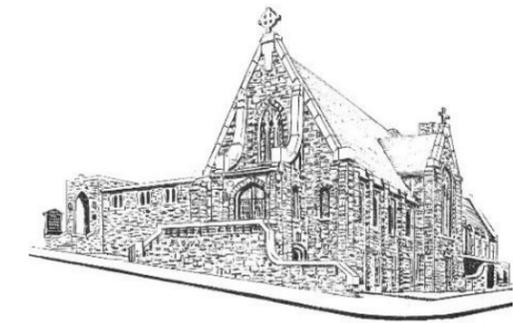
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CEC Chili Cook-Off: Make your best pot of chili to be judged by the Union Mission staff as we make dinner for those hungry in our community! Bring all pots of chili to the mission at 4 pm to be judged!

ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Remember to get your tickets for our annual Pancake Supper! Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Volunteers from the Men's Group will be needed beginning around 2pm that day. See you there! Checks should be made out to "Christ Episcopal Church" with "ECM" in the memo.

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### Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden  
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## February 17, 2019

### The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sometimes called Septuagesima

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* H 544

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*  
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.