



Christ Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Sometimes called Sexagesima Sunday

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 *When I survey the wondrous cross* **H 474**

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.*

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “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 Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

Beati immaculati

- 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.

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling

among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

H 440

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:21-37

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.”



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

First composed in 325, this is the ancient statement of faith

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

We pray together as the people of God

The Confession and 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 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer “C”

BCP 369

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting is H-S129

The Lord’s Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Words in BCP, Musical Setting is 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

Bread of the world, in mercy broken **H 301**

Strengthen for service, Lord **H 312**

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing **H 344**

Our Prayer after Communion **BCP 366**

Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* **H 616**

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!*

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

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Linda Ammar and Karen Joseph. 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!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte John Allen

Lectors David Hardin Bill Denny

Chalicists Bill Denny

Altar Guild Elizabeth Sudduth Sandy Moir Betty Nash

Nursery Help Tricia Hein Brewster

Vestry Member of the Month Alyson Bowling

Birthdays This Week: Harris Tyler, John Wimmer, Denise Melvin, Jim Pulse, Margaret Anne Marra, Rick Wilkinson

Last Sunday's Attendance

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Donna Fortune, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer, Bob Moore, Haddon Lazenby, Miffi Williams, Jack Burchette, Nick, JL, Victor Bowman, Cis Barrett, Linda Jones

Calendar of Events

Sunday – February 16	Bagging Groceries after Church
Tuesday – February 18	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – February 19	Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday – February 20	Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am
	Education Committee meeting 4:00pm
Tuesday – February 25	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30pm
Wednesday – February 26	Ash Wednesday Services 8am, 12 noon, 7:00pm
	Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday – March 8	Parish Life meeting after Church

Announcements:

The Education Committee Meeting: The Education Committee of Christ Church will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 4:00, in the church library. All those interested in making some broad plans for our children and youth are invited to attend.

Parish Life Committee meeting: There will be a Parish Life Committee meeting on Sunday, March 8th for anyone interested in helping with events which take place within the church. Please make every effort to attend...lots going on! If you cannot attend, please let Linda Ammar know that you are interested in helping.

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Pancake Supper: The Annual Episcopal Church Men's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Men of the parish have been mailed their tickets to sell. Money for the tickets may be returned to the Church office with "ECM" in the memo line of your check or clearly labeled on your envelope for cash payments. Thank you!

Lenten Wednesday Series: Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for a variety of worship opportunities. These worship experiences include an instructed eucharist, a service from the 1928 BCP and more. Services will begin at 7:00pm each Wednesday and will be followed by a simple Fellowship hour. A full schedule will be published next week!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector

Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

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