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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Please silence your electronic devices.  
Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary

*Toccata in C*

Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Hymn 296

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

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 280

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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.**

**Reader** 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*

**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 scorn/ful!
- 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; \*  
every/thing they do shall/ prosper.
- 4 It is not so /with the /wicked; \*  
they are like chaff/ which the wind blows a/way.
- 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.



**Reader** A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord  
**People** *Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Hymn**

*"O for a thousand tongues to sing"*

**Hymn 493**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (6:17-26)  
*People* *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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 387

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* *That we all may be one.*

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Reader* We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Mark, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Reader* We pray for Donald, our President, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Reader* We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially ***Sue, Julia, Betty, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Mark, Morgan, Jennifer, Lucia, Dennis, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Tina, James, Frankie, and Ralphie.***

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

**Confession of Sin** *Kneeling or standing* **BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.***

*Celebrant* 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** *Standing*

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

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may*

sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem "Come Thou Bright and Morning Star" Johann R. Ahle

The Doxology: "Hymn 380 v. 3" Old 100<sup>th</sup>

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.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing* BCP 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Celebrant* BCP 361-362

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People* Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* *Kneeling or standing* BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* *Kneeling or standing* BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**  
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

## Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem                                    *Christ Our Passover*                                    Hymnal S 154  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

Communion Chant                                    *They did eat, and were well filled*                                    Psalm 78

Communion Music                                    *"Blessed are the poor in spirit"*                                    Hymn 560

*Once all have received, the celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*                                    *Kneeling or standing*                                    BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn                                    *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*                                    Hymn 423

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary                                    *Prelude in G Minor*                                    J. S. Bach

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Bradley T. Johnson IV and Zenita Johnson  
By the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity, Rocky Mount. Pray for the people of Trinity, Rocky Mount. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, February 17 to observe President's Day.

## Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On February 17 we will read Luke's variation on the Parable of the Talents (19:11-27). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

## Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) will be served on **February 26**, with dinner being served from 5:00 to 6:00. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. **Sign up on the Church's website under Volunteers to volunteer to help or to bring something.**

## Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **February - March: Pork & Beans 15 oz.** For **February: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items.** *Grace has been experiencing a large increase in clients needing food, household, and hygiene items.* As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Bob Bushnell

**Chalicer:** Jay Dickens, Tom Webster

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Trippi Penn, Kyle Trent

**Acolyte:**

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Bob Weatherall, Rives Coleman

**Altar Guild:** Team #4 – Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman, Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

**Nursery Attendant:** Emily Williams

### 2025 Christ Church Vestry

**Year 3:** Betty Budde, Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

**Year 2:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 1:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser