GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two

The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany February 12, 2023–10:00am

VOLUNTARY Allegretto from Six Short Preludes and Fugues (Op. 101, No. 1)

C. V. Stanford

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN IN PROCESSION 372

Leoni

(All Stand)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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*.





COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*

THE LESSONS (Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

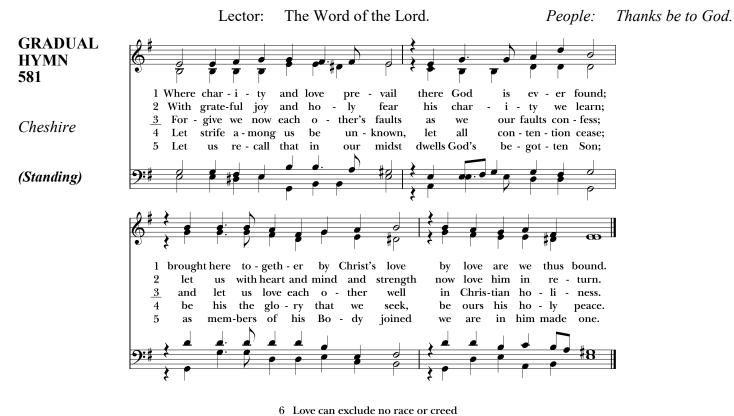
Chant: Kellow J. Pye

PSALM 119:1-8 (Sung by the Choir)

- 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.

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.



THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37

if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge (Please be seated)

THE NICENE CREED (All Stand)

All: 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

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

Subdeacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your

Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for ourselves and for our ministries; for our rector, Dustin, our postulant to the diaconate, Lainie, our vestry, lay leadership, and all of our parish family. Lord, you have called us to serve

you. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may

honor one another and serve the common good. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in

the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and

love one another as he loves us. Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in

their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially all who have suffered from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; those who have died and those exposed

or isolated by this disease. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially all who have died in the

service of our country, victims of gun violence, and George Fee III, Vincent DiBenedetto, Joseph B. Sutton, Edith Gage Gross, Lulu Johnson, Harry Washburn Moore, Carl J. Scaringe, Consuella Frae Pinkus, and Neil & Nettie D'Errico-Bello, in whose memory the flowers this morning are lovingly offered. May your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may

share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pause and reflect on our dependence on God and offer silently or aloud our own

intercessions or thanksgivings....

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

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

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (Sung by the Choir)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;

A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;

I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;

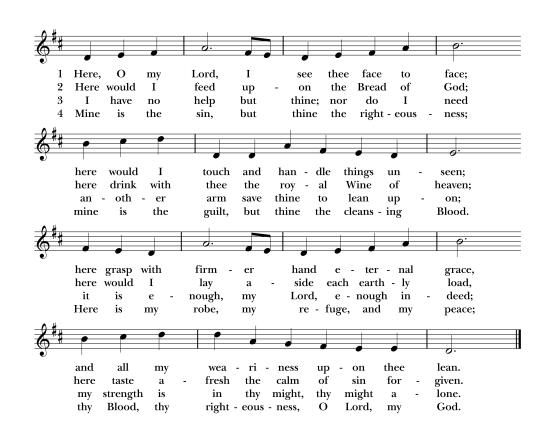
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Music: C.V. Stanford Text: William Cowper

PRESENTATION HYMN 318

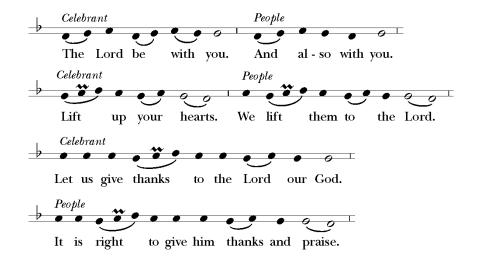
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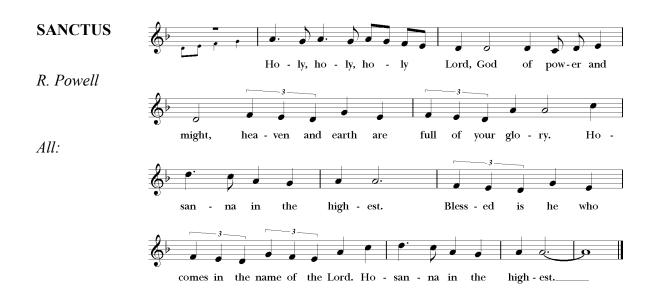


THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

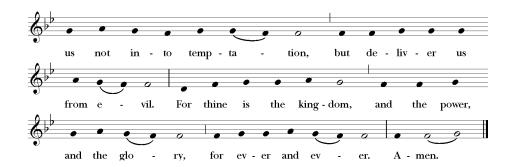
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:





(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION (Sung by the Choir)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Music: Ola Gjeilo

COMMUNION HYMN

Trad. Arr. C. Heywood



THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 SEASONAL BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and

remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 304

Land of Rest



VOLUNTARY

Allegro non troppo e pesante from Six Short Preludes and Fugues (Op. 101, No. 2)

C. V. Stanford