

+ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 13, 2022



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Blessings and woes abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

A few notes on precautions and protocols, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status, as St. Andrew returns to worship in the sanctuary:

- Face masks that fully cover both your mouth and nose are required at all times for everyone over the age of two (2) the only exception being the brief moment of moving mask aside to partake in Holy Communion.
- Outside food and drink are thus not permissible during worship.
- Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet will be observed at all times for people not from your household.
- We invite the congregation to voice responses and prayers during worship. A cantor will sing the hymns with a mask on, and the rest of the congregation is encouraged to follow along quietly.
- We ask that everyone use hand sanitizer, either your own or from the bottles throughout the sanctuary, especially prior to Holy Communion.

Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

Please rise as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

P: We praise you, O God, for water – the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers, the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water:
C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for the waters of Jesus – baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet. We praise you, O God, for water: **C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin and birth us each day into your peace and joy.We praise you, O God, for Baptism:C: We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

P: O God, you are Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are River, saving us from death.
O God, you are Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O Triune God, today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen and Amen.
C: Amen and Amen.

We ask that those present in the church sanctuary refrain from singing the hymns aloud. The assembly gathered from afar is encouraged to sing!

Gathering Hymn	Light Dawns on a Weary World	<i>ELW</i> 726
	v. 1-2	

 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
 Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Please be seated

Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 17: 5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
⁶They 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.
⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,

whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They 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.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it?
¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel – Luke 6: 17-26

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] 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.¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice 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.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"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.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Let Streams of Living Justice v. 1-2

ELW 710

 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

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The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the People

P: Guided by the Christ made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petitionP: God of grace,C: receive our prayer.

P: With great hope and faith in your promises, O God,we lift these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior.C: Amen.

We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.

An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to offer gifts as you leave worship today. Please be seated as the table is prepared for Holy Communion

Meal

Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
C: Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with your heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ... and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit now and forever.C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction and Invitation

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- Please use hand sanitizer prior to receiving Communion.
- We will not be kneeling at the altar rail due to the need for physical distancing.

- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- The Communion wafers (regular and gluten-free) have been thoughtfully prepared using the gifts of the congregation by a member of St. Andrew's altar care team, with a drop of wine or grape juice on each. The presiding minister will distribute one to each communicant from the ciborium using sanitary tongs.
- When you reach the presiding minister, please indicate if you would like grape juice or a gluten-free wafer.
- A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament, following physical distancing guidelines.
- Everyone is asked to wait until you return to your place to consume the elements, and then promptly replace your mask.

Hymns during Holy Communion

•	U	·	Around You, O Lord Jesus	<i>ELW</i> 468
			Blessed Are You	DATH 86

When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that we have feasted on the abundance of your gifts. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and always. C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in Christ's peace into the world. Share the good news! C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal *ACS: All Creation Sings* hymnal *DATH: Dancing at the Harvest* hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Organ Cantor Lector Director of Faith Formation Presiding Minister Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer Richard Krug Lester Prince Christopher Atwood Pastor Ross Carmichael

Liturgy and Hymnody Acknowledgements

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