



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

February 16, 2025 8 AM & 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

8 AM: Chalice & Intercessor: Greg Cigal

Lector: Greg Cigal

10:15 AM: Chalice: Toni DeVore

Acolytes: Logan Houdyshell, Anthony Williams, Eva Crocker

Lector: Aubrey Smith, Yazmin Allander, Kaitlyn Foggin

Minister of Music: Dennis Deem

Intercessor: Dave Johnson

Welcome Center: Linda Crocker

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional Hymn #665 (10:15) “All my hope on God is founded”

Michael

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

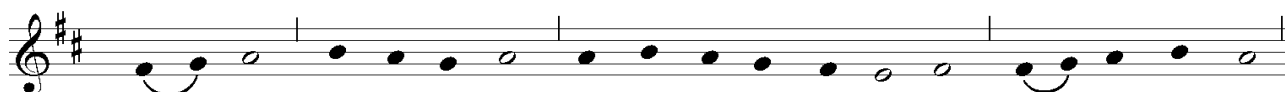
The Celebrant says

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.

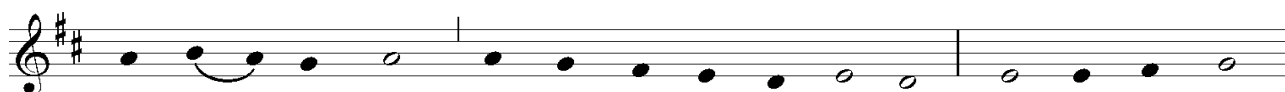
The Gloria #S277 (sung at 10:15)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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

A Reading from the Book of 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

- 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.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn (pg. 9) (10:15)

“Give Thanks”

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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 *Please kneel. (led by Greg Cigal at 8 AM & Dave Johnson at 10:15 AM)*

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, "Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light, we see light."

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit, you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation. Clothe your ministers in righteousness, Lord. Let your people sing with joy.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
In your light we see light.

May we desire the common good, Lord. Teach us to love each other as you have loved us. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
In your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those in need, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . .

The congregation reads the names on the prayer lists aloud together.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Forest Fire Victims and Firefighters	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan – strength
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Timothy Dotson – strength and direction	Sheila Craven – healing	Stan Perry - healing
Amy Cooper – hospitalized, severe pain	Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Julia Lee	Marlene Cox	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	Wendy Meridith	David Nevins
Hal Foss	Charles Sterchak	Desirae Ryske	John Stevens

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
In your light we see light.

Lord, you are the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve for us life eternal.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
In your light we see light.

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

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.

The Absolution

The priest says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

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. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

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.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (pg. 10)

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your

faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

Fraction Hymn (pg. 11)

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Anthem (10:15)

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Post Communion Hymn #335 (vs. 1-4) "I am the bread of life"

Suzanne Toolan

Blessing

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.

Anniversaries and Birthdays: 31st anniversary of Ann & John Stevens

Recessional Hymn # 410 (10:15) "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

Lauda anima

The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

"Go Now in Peace" (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am



rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And




now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am



rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Sanctus



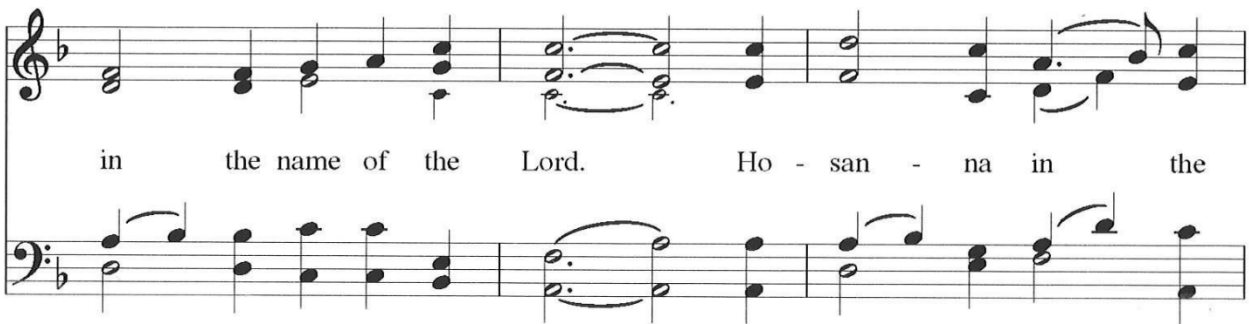
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Fraction

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of Almighty God in thanksgiving for the 31st wedding anniversary of Ann & John Stevens.

Last Sunday Supper – Next Sunday, Feb. 23, is the Last Sunday Supper. We could use your help to provide a hot meal to our neighborhood folk. We will begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. All servers need to be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30 PM. We are grateful for any amount of time you can give us.

Pancake Supper – Save the date. On March 4th at 5:30 pm we will be holding a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper with several fun activities such as pancake races, burning palms, and burying our alleluias.

Blood Drive – We are partnering with Trinity to hold a blood drive. We need a minimum of 30 people total (between the 2 churches) willing to give before the date or location is set. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Rummage News: Donations are being accepted for the March sale. Household items always sell well. If you can help sort and price, even just 1 day, contact Deb at 518-637-1734. The sale will be March 7 & 8.

Bible Study – We have 2 Bible Study groups led by David Cooper. One group meets from 4:15 – 5:15 PM and is discussing the Letter to the Romans. The other group meets from 5:15 – 6:15PM and is studying Second Samuel. You are welcome to attend either group.

Head Start – The class is collecting plastic bottle caps, the kind on water and soda bottles, for learning activities. Please bring your caps in a bag to the office.