



# **Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**

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*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

10 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

*Prelude*

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*H. Gotsch*

**Opening Hymn 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

*(FRIENDSHIP)*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials or temptations!  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there.



## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.**

**Act of Praise: Glory to God**

*(HYMN 686)*

**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.**



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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 Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Sirach

*SIRACH 15:15–20*

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**





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 judgements.
8. I will keep your statutes; \*  
- do not utterly forsake me.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.*



## A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1–9

And so, 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 quarrelling 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 labour of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building..

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**

(DETROIT)

Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light you cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.



*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

MATTHEW 5:21–37

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 judgement.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; 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 Gospel of Christ.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Gospel Response: Listen, God is Calling**

*(NENO LAKE MUNGU)*

Listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Guest Speaker: Yolande Parsons

**The Nicene Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith as we say,

*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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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

### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **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 neighbours 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 upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Preparation of the Gifts

### **Offertory Hymn 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

*(PRECIOUS LORD)*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stan;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



## The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord..

**Amen**

# The Great Thanksgiving

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,  
you made us in your own image,  
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **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* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;



our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

*Celebrant* Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

*All*        **Amen**

*Celebrant* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom  
to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

*All*        **Amen**

*Celebrant* Join our prayers and praise  
with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.



Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*All*      **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant*    And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All*      **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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*    "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*All*      **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

## **The Communion**

*Lamb of God*

*HYMN 735*

*Communion Hymn 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

*(EAT THIS BREAD)*

Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together.



Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's might word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

*Anthem: Kwake Yesu nasimama*

*(Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand)*

KENYAN

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



# The Dismissal

*Celebrant* May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace. **Amen.;**  
and now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Then the deacon or the celebrant says,*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn 513 Guide My Feet

(GUIDE MY FEET)

Guide my feet, while I run this race,  
Guide my feet, while I run this race,  
Guide my feet, while I run this race  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand.....

Stand by me ....

I'm your child ....

Search my heart ....

Guide my feet ....

*Postlude*

*Hymn to Freedom*

*Oscar Peterson*

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