# The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany 10:00 AM + February 12, 2023

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome! Please contact the church office (<u>aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org</u>) if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin. Children's Church School at 10:00 a.m., visitors are welcome to join at anytime.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

Hymns are at the end of the Bulletin

Prelude: Antiphonal Celebration

Bell Choir

arr by Kevin McChesney

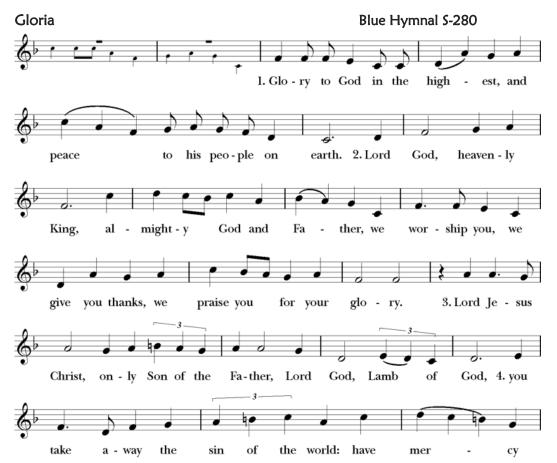
Tune: Michael

Hymnal 665: All my hope on God is founded

Holy God, be in our minds, that we might let go of all that diminishes the movement of your spirit within us.

Discerning God, be in our eyes, that we might see you in the midst of all the busyness that fills our lives. Loving God, be in our hearts, that we can be open to those we love, to those with whom we share ministry and to the whole human family.

Gracious God, be in that grace filled silence that lies deep within us, that we might live in Christ as Christ lives in us. Amen.





Together let us pray.

### Collect

Said in unison

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.* 

### A Reading from the Book of 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."

People's response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 119:1-8 Sung by the congregation



- 1 Happy are they whose way is <u>blameless</u>, \* who walk in the law of the <u>LORD</u>!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \* and seek him with all their <u>hearts</u>!
- 3 Who never do any <u>wrong</u>, \* but always walk in his <u>ways</u>.
- 4 You laid down your com<u>mandments</u>, \* that we should fully <u>keep them</u>.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so di<u>rect</u> \* that I might keep your <u>statutes</u>!
- 6 Then I should not be put to <u>shame</u>, \* when I regard all your com<u>mandments</u>.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned <u>heart</u>, \* when I have learned your righteous <u>judgments</u>.
- 8 I will keep your <u>statutes;</u> \* do not utterly for<u>sake me</u>.

### A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 3:1-9

**B**rothers 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.

People's response after the reading Thanks be to God.

Hymnal 635: If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Tune: Wer nur den lieben Gott das walten

### The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:21-37

People Said before the reading Glory to you, Lord Christ. Said after the reading Praise 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."

### The Sermon

The Rev. Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed

### Spoken by all, 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.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*  For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan & Gayle our Bishops and for all bishops and other ministers;

### For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

### For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.* 

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.* 

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

### Absolution

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.* 

### Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory: A Prayer

Richard Lloyd

Lord, I would give this all of me that I might live a while in Thee: That more and more this heart of mine might Thee adore and be all Thine.

Lord, I would give this all of me if I might live a while in Thee: if more and more this heart of mine might Thee adore and be all Thine.

Wilt Thou then take a gift so small that for Thy sake is none at all? E'en such as I, blind, foolish, dumb, Lord, bid Thy little servant come.

### Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

### Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

### By your will they were created and have their being.

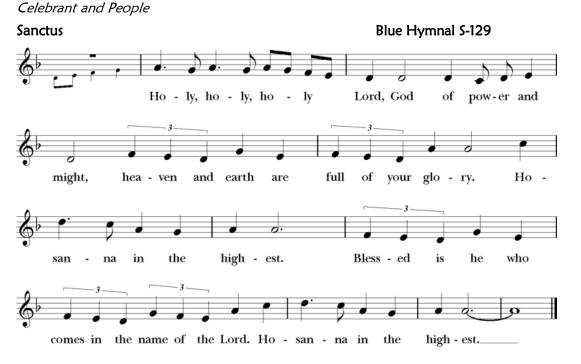
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

### Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

### By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.* 

### The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our mothers and fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

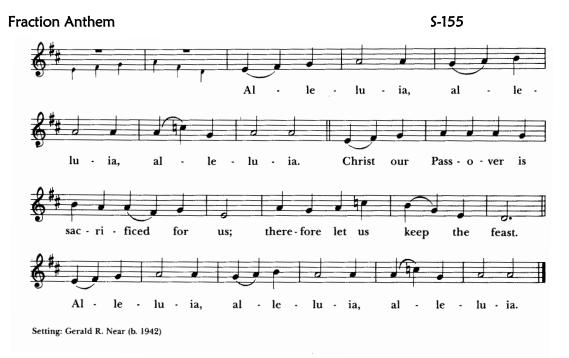
### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### BCP p. 364

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.



You are invited as you feel moved to join us for Communion today. Simply move into the aisle as the Ushers assist you. If you would like to receive communion place your hands out and the priest will give you a piece of

bread (or gluten free if needed). You may then receive wine from either the chalice or the individual cup. At this time intinction (dipping) is not permitted. Communion in one kind for any reasons is fully acceptable and has wide use in the tradition. If you don't want to share in communion but want to share in this holy moment come forward with your hands across your heart to receive a blessing.

### **Communion Music**

Organ: Prelude (in F Minor)

Youth Choir: The Birds

When Jesus Christ was four years old, The angels brought him toys of gold which no man ever had bought or sold.

And yet with these he would not play, He made him small foul out of clay and blessed them till they flew away, Tu creasti Domine.

Jesus Christ, thou child so wise, Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, And bring my soul to paradise.

### The Postcommunion Prayer

### Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Hymnal 477 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O king divine

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

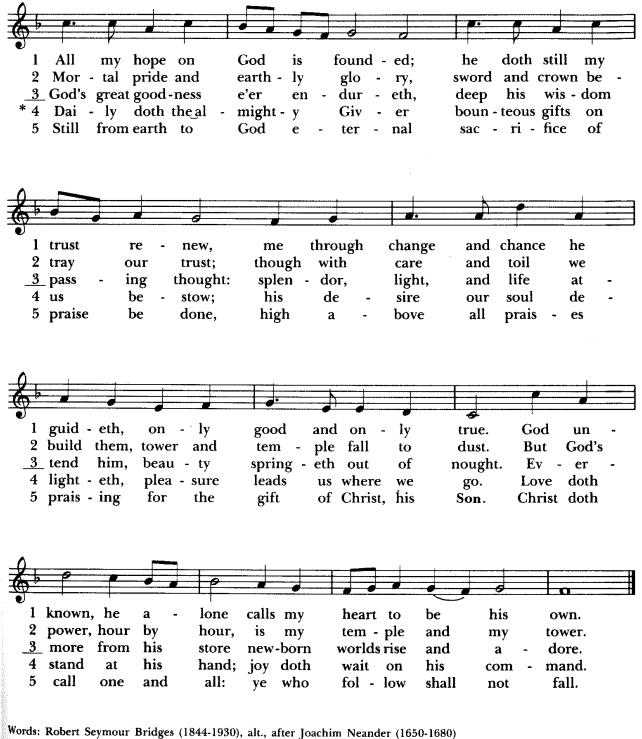
### People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Final variation on *O Christ, who art the light and day* 

Arthur Milner (1894-1972) Benjamin Britten

Tune: Engleberg

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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