

# Holy Eucharist

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## The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany Year A

### Prelude

### Entrance Hymn

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

### Hymnal 660

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One  
People You come to your people and set them free.

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

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.**

## Song of Praise

Chorus Book 7

*He is exalted*

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on\_ high. I will  
praise Him. He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed and  
I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord. For - ev - er His truth shall  
reign. Heav - en and earth re -

joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the

King is ex - alt - ed on high.

## Collect of the Day

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

*All sit.*

## First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

A Reading from the book of Sirach.

- <sup>15</sup> If you choose, you can keep the commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.  
<sup>16</sup> He has placed before you fire and water;  
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.  
<sup>17</sup> Before each person are life and death,  
and whichever one chooses will be given.  
<sup>18</sup> For great is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power and sees everything;  
<sup>19</sup> his eyes are on those who fear him,  
and he knows every human action.  
<sup>20</sup> He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,  
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

**Psalm 119:1-8**

*to be prayed in unison*

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

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>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? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader      The word of the Lord.  
 People      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

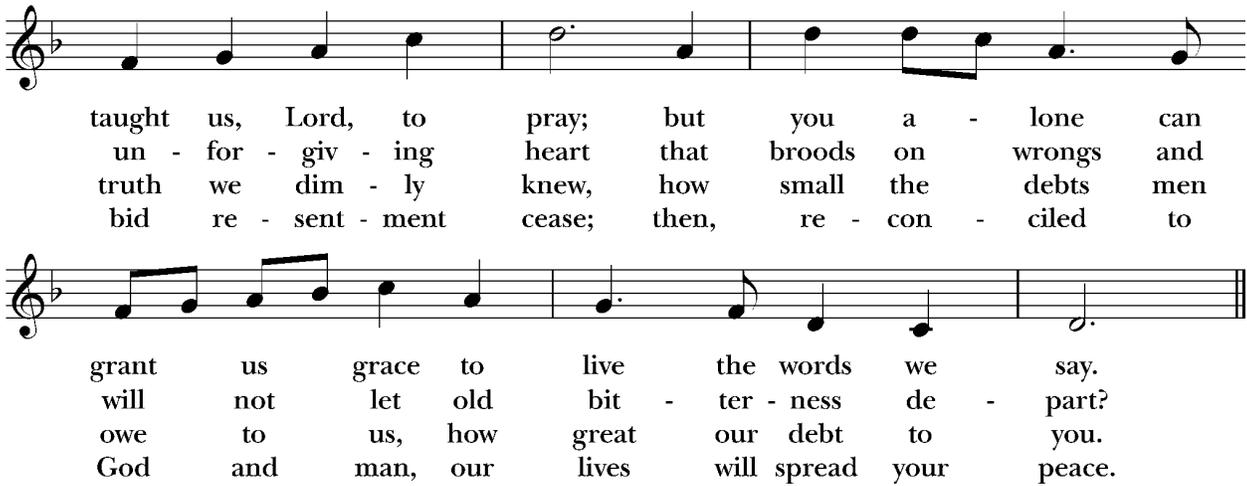
**Sequence Hymn**

**Hymnal 674**

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive"*



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>“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.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of



the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All sit.*

## **Sermon**

*All stand as they are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Brothers and sisters, happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord! So let us come before the Lord, saying, “Righteous God, direct our ways.”

*Intercessor* Lord our God, bless your Church. Bless all the people of St Barnabas in their many ministries; help us to remember that we are the Church, called and sent into the world, serving wherever it is we are present. May those who plant and those who water recognize their common purpose. Give abundant growth where your Church labors faithfully. Righteous God, **direct our ways.**

*Silence is kept.*

Lord our God, bless the people of this and every nation. Draw nations and leaders to choose those ways that promote life and not death. Righteous God, **direct our ways.**

*Silence is kept.*

Lord our God, bless this planet—your very footstool. Give us the wisdom and will to allow the earth to prosper as you have intended—naturally bringing forth growth and prosperity. Righteous God, **direct our ways.**

*Silence is kept.*

Lord our God, bless our city. Give us those things we need to live together as neighbors. We thank you for the joys in our life [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Remove from our hearts anger and discord, greed and lust. Righteous God, **direct our ways.**

*Silence is kept.*

Lord our God, bless the sick and the struggling [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. May they find life in relationship with you. Make them happy as they seek you with all their hearts. Righteous God, **direct our ways.**

*Silence is kept.*

Lord our God, bless the dying and the dead [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. May they find peace and comfort at the foot of your heavenly throne. Righteous God, **direct our ways.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* For which other people or circumstances shall we pray this morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All then kneel as they are able*

## Confession of Sin

*A Minister says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 our Savior 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.**

*A Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand as they are able*

## Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## Announcements

## Holy Communion

*Presider* If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sibling has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sibling, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.*



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The Presider continues*

God of mercy, in your Son's broken body, we see how much we mean to you, and how much our faithlessness costs you.

Come among us **+** in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may be transformed by your hospitality and sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,  
 gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
 "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.  
 Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
 "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.  
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Presider and People*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

God of glory, you uphold the most vulnerable and hear the cries of the lost. Through this sacrament unite your divided people, living and departed, faithful and unbelieving, merciful and mighty, sorrowful and ashamed, able and disabled, that you may through resurrection and coming kingdom make one body out of so many broken bodies.

Restore your people in the image of your Son, that they may be a community of compassion, forgiveness, and hope; that your church may be full of your prophets, and your prophets may be full of your grace, until all tongues cease and tears are shed no more, in the presence and communion of your Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Presider*

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

Community of saints, beloved of God,  
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,  
to feast on the dreams of God,  
to be nourished by a taste of what God desires to do among us.  
Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty,  
taking risks for one another, calling down unjust power from its throne  
and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.

Blessed are those, Jesus said, who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

*The Presider then says*

And so let us come to the table, expectant, eager, open.  
May we taste the rich blessings of heaven  
born from unexpected places, and people, and experiences.

Give us the grace to remember that we are all one body, because we all share in Christ's love and life.  
For all of us who cannot gather at this altar today, may we remember that we are fully beloved, that God  
dwells in each of our hearts.

For those of us who are present at this altar, may we remember that we are connected far beyond this  
time and place with all those who pray.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.*

*Seek ye first*

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you;

And Seek His righ - teous shall find;  
 and you shall find;

And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 Knock and it shall be o - pened un - to you.

Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah.

*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

*Presider 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.**

### Dismissal and Blessing

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak.  
Help the afflicted. Be a blessing to everyone.

And may the blessing +of the God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

**LEVAS 201**

*I've got peace like a river*

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a  
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my  
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got riv - er in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got foun - tain in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got o - cean in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

## Dismissal

*Minister* Go forth to serve the Lord in the love of Jesus, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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### This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and churches in your prayers this week:

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)  
**and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation**

#### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

February 12 The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

#### Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

February 12 St Clement's, Inkster; Christ the King, Puerto Plata, Grace Church, Boca Chica, DR

**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Carlos, George, Robert, Selenah; Rick, Julie, Jim, Mary

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**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food In-Gathering is next Sunday, February 19, 2023**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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### Upcoming Commemorations

Feb. 12 Charles Freer Andrews, Priest and "Friend of the Poor" in India, 1940  
 13 Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818  
 14 Valentine, Priest and Martyr, 354; and,  
 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885

- 15 Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
- 16 Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Martyr, 1977
- 18 Martin Luther, Pastor and Church Reformer, 1546

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**February 12, 2023 – Epiphany 6A**  
**Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37**

The season of Epiphany is when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world. We mark the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community - with God and with one another.

The Office of Global Partnerships of The Episcopal Church invites individuals, small groups, congregations, and dioceses to use our weekly video series throughout the season of Epiphany to draw closer to each other and our Lord. Using an adaptation of *lectio divina* with the gospel passage for each Sunday, you'll meet and hear from Episcopal missionaries who have served around the world as they read and reflect on Jesus' revelation to us. Missionary service through The Episcopal Church is accomplished through the Young Adult Service Corps (for Episcopalians aged 21-30) and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (for Episcopalians over the age of 30). Learn more about these programs at [iam.ec/yasc](http://iam.ec/yasc) and [iam.ec/evim](http://iam.ec/evim) respectively.

This week's *lectio divina* features the Rev. Joseph S. Pagano, the Rev. Amy Richter, Dr. Janet O'Flynn, and the Rev. Donnel O'Flynn. Watch their discussion at [iam.ec/epiphany2023](http://iam.ec/epiphany2023) and follow along by yourself or in a small group. To participate:

- 1. Read today's Gospel passage**, Matthew 5:21-37.
- 2. Reflect:** Which word or short phrase caught your attention or came to mind? Whether you're alone or in a group, say it aloud.
- 3. Read:** Reread the passage, perhaps in a different translation.
- 4. Reflect:** Where does the passage touch your life today? If you're with a group, share your responses with each other, without discussing further. If you're alone, say your response aloud or write it down.
- 5. Read:** Reread the passage, perhaps in yet another translation.
- 6. Reflect:** Where is God calling you to go? Where, either near or far, can you cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus? You might consider journaling out your response and meditating on it over the course of this week.



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**Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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