

Blessed

LUKE 6:20

ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR
FOR YOURS IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Sixth Sunday *After the Epiphany*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 16, 2025 · 10:30 am

*All are welcome to worship God in this place.
In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.*

Charles V. Stanford

PRELUDE Trio

PROCESSIONAL HYMN We Know that Christ Is Raised and Dies No More Hymnal - 296 Engelberg

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

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and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer 355

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S-280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

THE COLLECT OF ABSALOM JONES

Celebrant Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Lector A reading from Jeremiah.

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.

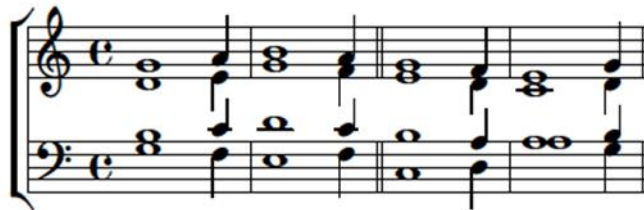
Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

We will sing the psalm together.



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.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Lector A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN All My Hope on God Is Founded

Hymnal - 665

Michael

1. All my hope on God is found- ed, he doth still my
 2. Mor- tal pride and earth- ly glo- ry, sword and crown be-
 3. God's great good- ness e'er en- dur- eth, deep his wis- dom
 4. Dai- ly doth the al- might- y Giv- er boun- teous gifts on
 5. Still from earth to God e- ter- nal sac- ri- fice of

trust re- new, me through change and chance he
 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 pass- ing thought: splen- dor, light, and life at-
 us be- stow; his de- sire our soul de-
 praise be done, high a- bove all prais- es

guid- eth, on- ly good and on- ly true. God un-
 build them, tower and tem- ple fall to dust. But God's
 tend him, beau- ty spring- eth out of nought. Ev- er-
 light- eth, plea- sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 prais- ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

known, he a- lone calls my heart to be his own.
 power, hour by hour, is my tem- ple and my tower.
 more from his store new- born worlds rise and a- dore.
 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com- mand.
 call one and all: ye who fol- low shall not fall.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

All stand

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham D. Allende

THE NICENE CREED

Book of Common Prayer 326

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 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.*

DEDICATION OF ST. LUKE'S CROSS

Celebrant Last week St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Niles brought their ministry to an end. Several of our members were present for the final Eucharist. The people of St. Luke's blessed us by presenting to us this processional cross. Today we receive it with gratitude to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church here at St. John's. And we dedicate it at this time.

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.

Christ for us became obedient unto death:

People **Even death on a cross.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O gracious God, who in your mercy ordained that your Son should suffer death on a cross of shame: We thank you that it has become for us the sign of his triumph and the banner of our salvation; and we pray that this cross may draw our hearts to him, who leads us to the glory of your kingdom; where you live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Lector Blessed are those who trust in the Lord! So lift up the prayers of your heart, saying, “Test our minds; search our hearts; **hear our prayer.**”

Lector Lord our God, bless your Church. Bless us with the boldness of your prophets. We ask your blessing on our Presiding Bishop, Sean; the Bishop of our diocese, Anne; and all our leaders, both lay and ordained. Give us the courage to proclaim your kingdom. Give us the courage to proclaim our allegiance to Christ alone.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Lord our God, bless our Search Committee. Continue to lead them, stretch them, and direct them in our search for our next clergyperson. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Lord our God, bless the people of this and every nation. Bless us with compassion for the poor, the hungry, and those who weep. Turn our hearts away from our selfish desires; turn our hearts to you.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Lord our God, bless this planet, your very footstool. Bless this planet with growth and health. Give food enough that the hungry might be filled.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Lord our God, bless our city and the surrounding communities in which many of us live, work, and play. Bless us with health. Heal our land and our water. Deliver us from violence and sorrow.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Lord our God, bless the sick and the struggling. Send forth your healing power. Cause laughter to once again flow from the hearts of those who now weep.

I Invite you in the congregation to add petitions or thanksgivings, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Lord our God, bless the dying and the dead. Bless them with everlasting life. And at the last day raise them to new life with your Christ.

Silence

Lector Test our minds; search our hearts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord our God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Beatitudes

Richard Konzen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please indicate to the Celebrant if you would prefer the gluten free wafers.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Book of Common Prayer 361

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

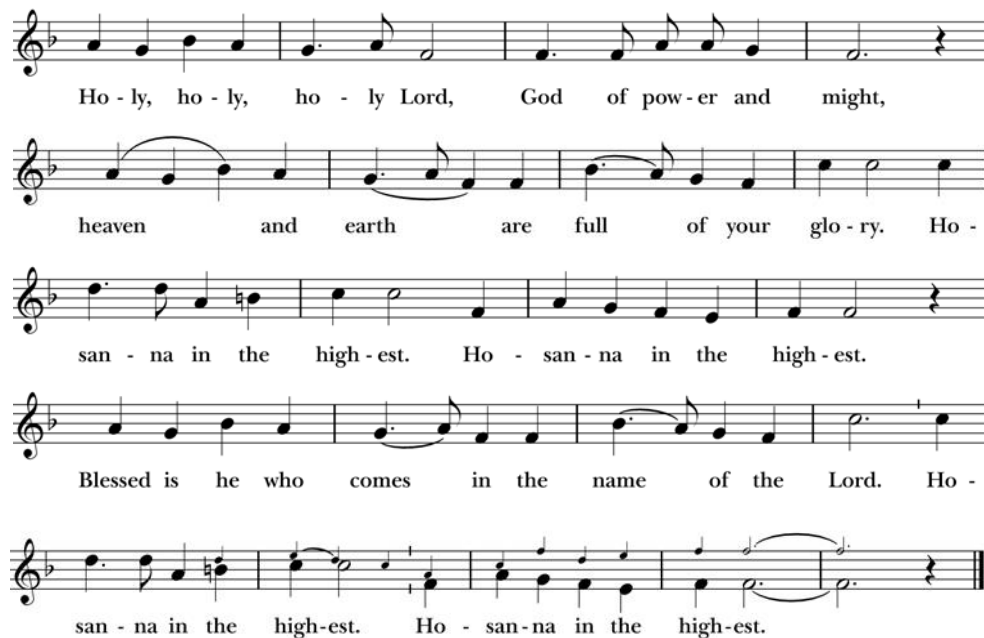
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx

The People stand or kneel.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly

country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Book of Common Prayer 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S- 163

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET O For a Closer Walk with God

Charles V. Stanford

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to You. And since I can not now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. **Amen.**

Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that He sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world for you.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Hymnal - 493

Azmon



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Allegro ma non troppo

Charles V. Stanford

MUSIC NOTES

Our prelude and postlude this morning as well as the communion motet were all composed by Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924). Stanford was born in Dublin, educated at Cambridge University and received further training in Leipzig and Berlin. Stanford was a fairly prolific composer, writing seven symphonies and several operas, among other works. But it is his Anglican church music that has withstood the test of time and continues to be frequently used in services throughout the world. Today's prelude and postlude are taken from a miscellaneous set of pieces for the organ showing some influence of Wagner and Brahms. The communion motet is one of his best known pieces for choir.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott,
Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally,
Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat,
Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane

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