Divine Service, Setting Three
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
13 February 2022

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: ♩“SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY”

1 Seek where you may
   To find a way
   That leads to your salvation.
   My heart is stilled,
   On Christ I build,
   He is the one foundation.
   His Word is sure,
   His works endure;
   He overthrows
   All evil foes;
   Through Him I more than conquer.

2 Seek whom you may
   To be your stay,
   None can redeem his brother.
   All helpers failed;
   This man prevailed,
   The God-man and none other,
   Our Servant-King
   Of whom we sing.
   We’re justified
   Because He died,
   The guilty being guiltless.

3 Seek Him alone
   Who did atone,
   Who did your souls deliver.
   O seek Him first,
   All you who thirst
   For grace that fails you never.
   In ev’ry need
   Seek Him indeed;
   To ev’ry heart
   He will impart
   His blessings without measure.
4 My heart’s delight,
   My crown most bright,
   O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride
Nor fortune’s tide
   Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
Your precious Word
   Shall guide my way
   And help me stay
Forever in Your presence.

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Stand

\[P\text{ In the name of the Father and of the }\text{Son}\text{ and of the Holy Spirit.}\\C\text{Amen.}\\P\text{Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.}\\P\text{Our help is in the name of the Lord,}\\C\text{who made heaven and earth.}\\P\text{I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,}\\C\text{and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.}

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

\[P\text{Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploRING Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.}\\C\text{O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.}\\P\text{Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.}\\C\text{Amen.}

INTROIT  \textit{PSALM 119:1–2, 4–5}

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your just and righteous decrees. Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
GLORIA PATRI

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

♫ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♫ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P  The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
P  Let us pray.
O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
♫ Amen.

SIT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 17:5–8

Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”
P  This is the Word of the Lord.
♫ Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♫“COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY”

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1–20

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all
the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about 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, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA


HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
C♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on 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 shall be satisfied.
“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers 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 shall be hungry.
“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**CATECHETICAL VERSE**

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

**Sit**

**SERMON HYMN: _SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE_**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
   Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
   Manifested by the star
   To the sages from afar,
   Branch of royal David’s stem
   In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
   Anthems be to Thee addressed,
   God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan’s stream,
   Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
   And at Cana wedding guest
   In Thy Godhead manifest;
   Manifest in pow’r divine,
   Changing water into wine;
   Anthems be to Thee addressed,
   God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole
   Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
   Manifest in valiant fight,
   Quelling all the devil’s might;
   Manifest in gracious will,
   Ever bringing good from ill;
   Anthems be to Thee addressed,
   God in man made manifest.
4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

SERMON: “WHERE ARE YOU ROOTED?” JEREMIAH 17:5-8

BY PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

OFFERTORY

C♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

HYMN: ♩“I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY” LSB 699

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.
2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
   “Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
   Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
   Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
   And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
   “I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
   And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
   In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
   Till trav’ling days are done.

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Stand

P Collect
C♫ Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C♫ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ♩“BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD” ♩ LS 904

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
   We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
   Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
   Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
   Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
   With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
   You must work all good within us.
3  Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
   Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
   Open now our heart and mind;  
   Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

△ 4  Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
   Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
   Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
   Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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SILENT PRAYER

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