

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**February 16, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**

*The Service begins on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Organ Prelude

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Sentences

*stand*

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in Excelsis

*All:* **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards 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, heavenly 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 sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of Deuteronomy. (30: 15-20) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 119: 1-8

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

*All:*       **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Priest:*   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.   *stand*  
(5: 21-37)

*People:*   **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams *sit*

The Nicene Creed *p. 326, stand*

Prayers of the People *p. 328, kneel*

Confession of Sin *p. 330*

The Absolution *p. 332*

*We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.*

Announcements *sit*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

The Offertory (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*) *Old 100th, stand*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II *p. 340*

Sanctus and Benedictus *p. 341  
kneel*

The Lord’s Prayer *p. 336*

Breaking of the Bread *p. 337*

Administration of the Sacrament *sit*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 339, *kneel*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

*stand*

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Witt Fowler,  
in loving memory of Claire Fowler.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:

Brig Buettner, Katie Knapp

Ushers:

Randy and Cheryl Meyer

Altar Guild:

Annie Vogt, Connie Lohr, Cheryl Gelstein, Jan Craig, Wendy Olk

Counters:

Lisa Acker, Nancy Burke

## ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioners:** Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller and Carl Schuldt.

**For Family and Friends:** Chris Canepa, Lucy Dolan, Clayton Hicks, Rory Sabbah and Rebecca Tyler.

**For the Faithful Departed:** Marie Schmitz.

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Michelle Arthur, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Kathy Sheehan, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Rolla Wetzel and Dick Williams.

## ***TODAY...***

**FAMILIES** – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL** – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

**PARISH BREAKFAST** – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

**SUNDAY FORUM** (new incarnation of the “Rector’s Forum”) meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. Come this morning to learn about the Saints contending for the Golden Halo in the holy battle that is **Lent Madness!**

**LENT MADNESS** – Join the clergy, staff and parishioners in the “saintly smackdown” known as Lent Madness! During Lent, thirty-two saints do battle to see who will win the coveted Golden Halo. Fill out your bracket today! **To participate, donate \$20 for Outreach and submit your completed bracket to the Church Office by Shrove Tuesday, February 25th.** Bracket sheets and instructions are **available at the breakfast tables and Welcome Table on Sunday mornings**, in the Church Office, and on our website. There will be a small prize, and bragging rights for the winner.

## ***THIS WEEK...***

**MONDAY** – The Church Office and buildings will be closed tomorrow for the Presidents’ Day holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency call 314-993-2306 and press 2.

**NEWS DEADLINE** – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

**WOMAN’S GUILD** – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program, “What to say when someone is sick.” Our speaker will be the Rev. Amy Bertschausen, from Care and Counseling. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

**SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS** meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Our Thursday morning study has moved to Fridays! Join us at 7:00 on Friday mornings in the Elliot Room.

**ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN** – We have reached \$1,066,780, 76% of our goal! Thank you to the 303 families who have pledged support to date. It is so important to have the support of all parishioners. Please help us wrap up our 2020 campaign by sending in your pledge, or pledge online at [www.stpetersepicopal.org](http://www.stpetersepicopal.org). Thanks!

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS...***

**ST. PETER'S MISSION TRIP** – Our youth Mission Trip is expanded to include **ALL** parishioners 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up! Join a few of our St. Peter's Youth and their parents as they head to the Appalachian region of Kentucky, June 14-20. This inter-generational trip will offer a great opportunity for anyone looking to do God's work and grow together in service. The cost of the trip \$750, with the first half due **by this Thursday, February 20**. Contact Fr. Joseph, josephww@stpetersepiscope.org for more information.

**WAFFLES AND THE SEARCH COMMITTEE?!** – It's true! Come to the Sunday Forum at 9:15 a.m. on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to not only enjoy delicious **waffles** alongside your eggs and bacon, but to hear a presentation from members of the Search Committee and its Chair, Chris Knight, about the search for St. Peter's next Rector. If you have questions about the search process, this will be the perfect time to ask!

**ROB IS COMING** – Our Interim Rector, The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Voyle, will begin his tenure at St. Peter's on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. That morning's Sunday Forum will be your first opportunity to get to know Rob, and then we will welcome him at Coffee Hour with an introduction to some of St. Louis' finest delicacies. Gus' Pretzels anyone? Please plan on coming to meet and worship with Rob on his first day!

**IT'S PANCAKE SUPPER TIME** – Shrove Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Pay at the door: \$5 per person, \$15 per family. Children under 5 eat free. Hosted by the Youth, the evening helps fund our youth program. Enjoy! And then . . .

**ENTER INTO A HOLY LENT ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Grace Chapel)
- 12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (with Choir and Choristers)

### ***Come and Worship!***

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER SERIES FOR LENT** – “**Yes!**” Join our Interim Rector for a Lenten program designed to help you discover and live a life in which you can simultaneously say ***Yes! To God — Yes! To your Neighbor — Yes! To Yourself.***

Come learn from Rob about discerning your core purpose in life, and how it can lead you to Yes! The program, accompanied by simple supper, will follow our 5:30 service of Holy Eucharist in Grace Chapel on every Wednesday of Lent (March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>). The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. Look for sign-up information online this week!

**CHORAL EVENSONG – Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music. The choral music is by American composers Searle Wright (1918–2004) and Craig Phillips (b. 1961). The canticles are Wright’s Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E minor. The anthem is Phillips’s “Keep watch, dear Lord,” a setting of a beloved prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

### ***SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16 - 23, 2020***

Sunday	2/16		<b>The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
Monday	2/17	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
			Presidents’ Day Holiday
			Church Office and Buildings Closed
Tuesday	2/18	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:15 p.m.	Choristers
Wednesday	2/19	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	2/20	5:15 p.m.	Probationers
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
		7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Friday	2/21	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	2/23		<b>The Last Sunday after The Epiphany</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist