

# Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 2019

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God of great mercy, forgive our striving for earthly success.  
Lead us instead to a life of humility and faithfulness. In You we trust, Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

\*INTROIT

**"Come and Fill"**  
(Chancel Choir)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist – Steve Lowe

Let us open our ears, people of God, for God is speaking a Word among us. Let us open our minds, people of God, for the Spirit is moving in this place. Let us open our hearts, people of God, and worship the One who makes us whole.

\*HYMN #644

**"Give Thanks, O Christian People"**

Cathey, 1984

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and show favor to the oppressed. Instill in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another, first in silence, and then in responsive prayer together:

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

**Forgive us, God of grace, when we are burdened by the weight of the curse we choose. We put our trust in earthly things, rather than trusting the depth of your grace. We put our hope in human beings, rather than acknowledging that only you are God.**

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

**Forgive us, God of grace, when we find ourselves dying of thirst, not seeing the water of life that you have placed before us. Move us to recognize our relief. Move us to know the goodness of your call.**

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.

**Show us with your grace, O Lord, that we may be trees planted by living waters. Nourish our spirits, enliven our hearts, enlighten our minds, and ease our burdens. Forgive us and free us to try again.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

**"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*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. Amen.**

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## Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Bibles, p.676/LG. p.879

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1

Bibles, p.463/LG. p.602

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #773

**"Heaven Shall Not Wait"**

Bell, 1987

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

Bibles, p.60/LG. p.78

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord who speaks to us, and strengthens us, and blesses us with peace, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

## Response

\*HYMN #852

**“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”**

Dunstan, 1991

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- UNISON

*The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08*

***In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Our response this morning will be: ***be gracious to us.***

LORD’S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.***

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

***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.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Let us dedicate the offering together:

***We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.***

*Sending*

\*HYMN #766

**“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound” (v.1-4)**

Tice, 2005

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*RESPONSE #766

**“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound” (v.5)**

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

***Bold italic letters*** indicate congregational responses.



**They are like trees planted by  
streams of water, which yield  
their fruit in its season . . .**

PSALM 1:3, NRSV

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