The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist – Rite Two - Year C February 16, 2025 11:00 a.m.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church Norman, Oklahoma

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

Prelude

Quiet prayer and reflection to prepare for worship

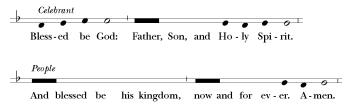
Processional Hymn All Stand

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"



Hymnal 423

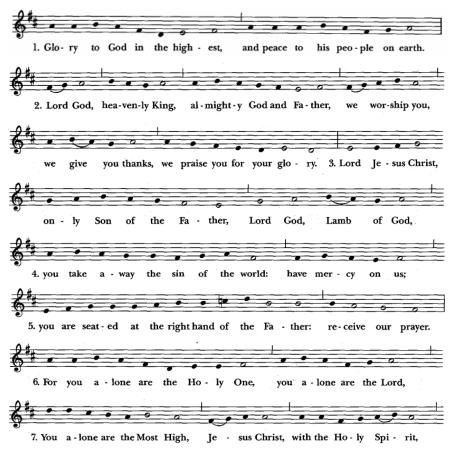
Opening Acclamation



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**

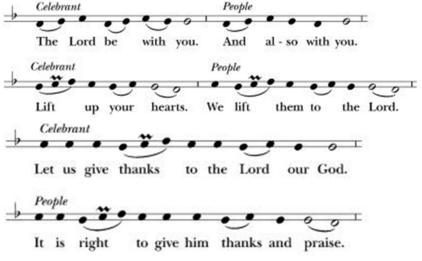
Gloria

Hymnal S-277





The Collect of the Day



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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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.

ReaderThe Word of the LordPeopleThanks be to God

Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit



"Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord."

 ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of 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. 	of the <i>Refrain</i>
 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. Refrain 	
 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. Refrain 	

Hymnal 447

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.

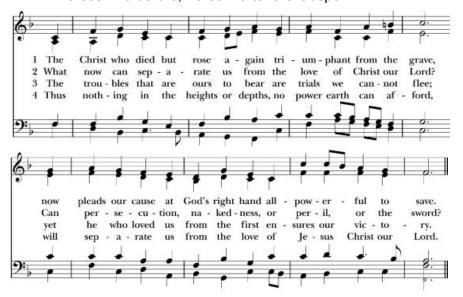
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn All Stand

"The Christ Who Died But Rose Again"

Verses 1 -3 before; Verse 4 after the Gospel



The Gospel

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

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."
- Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Farber

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 alorified. 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.

Prayers of the People Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for Grace Episcopal Church in Ponca City.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

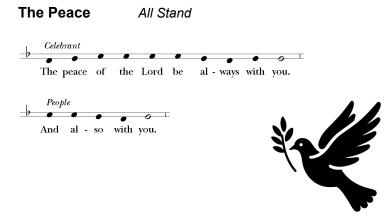
Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin All stand or kneel

BCP 360

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.

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 Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"The Beatitudes" from The Russian Orthodox Liturgy

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. If you are a guest, know that we do not expect a gift but would appreciate your filling out a pew card to place in the alms basin when passed.

Presentation of the Offerings

Please stand as you are able and sing

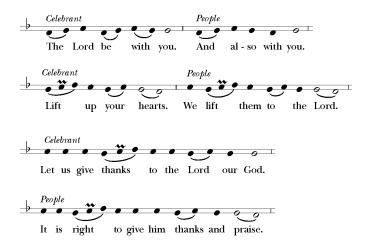
The Doxology

Hymnal 380 Verse 3

CelebrantAll things come of thee, O Lord,PeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee.

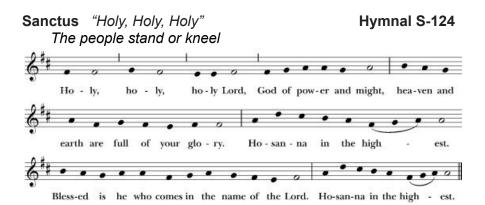
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

The people remain standing



The Priest adds a Proper Preface.

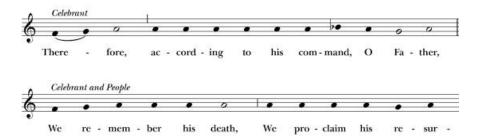
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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."





The Celebrant continues

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.

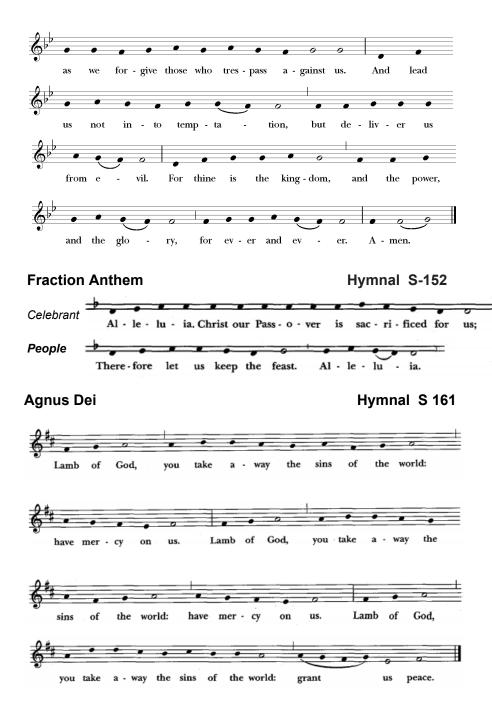
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put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



Our Fa - ther, who art hea - ven, hal - low ed in 0 thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, be on earth as it Give this day is in hea ven. us our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to sing:



Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The table belongs to all the Lord's People and not just the Episcopal Church. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. If you wish to have the host intincted, simply lift the host up to the chalice bearer in your open hands, let them take it from you, intinct it, and return it to you or place it on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymns

"Thou Art The Way, To Thee A "Blest Are The Pure In Heart"	
Post-Communion Prayer All	stand BCP 365
All Eternal God, heavenly F graciously accepted us of your Son our Savior	as living members

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

with gladness and singleness of heart;

Blessing The Celebrant blesses the people.

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

to love and serve you

Processional Hymn

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing!"

Hymnal 493

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please keep these people in your prayers this week

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Mike Scott, Antone Godding, Anne Burris Grieves, Woody Campbell, David Zittel, Susan Bennett, McKenzie Million, Keith & Jeanne Giles, David & Susan Nagel, Syra Vaz, Josh Yarbrough, Kim Capps, Bill Armstrong, Jennifer Warren, James Smith, Russell Badder, Pam Wallace, Debbie Price, Ron Stiehler, Nancy Hancock, Tom & Nancy Wakely.

<u>For those experiencing long-term illness</u>: Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Michael, Eliza Rodrigues, Cecelia Prytko.

<u>Birthdays</u>: 2/15 Shelley Dawson, 2/20 Howard Moore, 2/22 David Cook

For the departed: 2/16/2023 Ann Sister Eckl, 2/15/2014 Robert Busch, 2/22/2020 Catheryn Owens

This week at St. Michael's

Today

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lectio Divina **Thursday, February 20** 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, February 21 9:00 a.m. Yoga

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