



Order of Service for Sunday February 12, 2023

(6th Sunday after Epiphany)

10 am Holy Communion

Rev. Tom Moehl, Celebrant and Preaching
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" (arr by Greg Sewell) Susan Bevington

Opening Hymn #594 – "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Greeting

Acclamation (please say together)

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 (let us sing together) - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

Collect for today - let us say together:

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson from the Shared Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "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."

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 119:1-8 *Beati immaculati* (sung using modified Anglican chant – S415)

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.***

Second Lesson from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

- Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People
- ***Thanks be to God***

Gospel Hymn #812 WLP "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 5:21-37

- ***Glory to you Lord Christ***

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.”

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

Rev Tom Moehl

The Nicene Creed *(let us say together)* (BCP page 358)

Prayers of the People, Prayer of Intercession: The Light of Christ

Leader: On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayers be as encompassing as the world. Let us say to the Father:

People: *Let the light of Christ shine on all people.*

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome them with the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our day justice and peace may come to all the people of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak, compassion for the sick, and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

For the many who experience darkness in their lives may they see the light of Christ as their salvation: Let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in all people full of faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

We hold these our brothers and sisters up to you O' Lord

– ***(people can add their own petitions)*** –

In recognition of Black History Month we pray

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in

your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, we rejoice that you have sent us your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers of your people given in His name. Let Him be the light of our lives now and forever.
Amen

The Peace *(please stay in your pew)*

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ***And also with you.***

Offertory

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C - BCP p. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (say together)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer *(let us sing together)*

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Are yours now and forever. Amen. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: #S-164 "Jesus, Lamb of God" (Sing Together)

Communion of the People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. ***Amen.***
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. ***Amen.***

Communion Hymn #805 WLP

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for St. Martin's *(let us say together)*

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Announcements

Seasonal Blessings

Closing Hymn #344

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Dismissal:

- Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia
- ***Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia***

Postlude

Susan Bevington

"With Trumpets and Horns" from "Water Music" (George Fredrick Handel)