

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany (Proper 6)

10:00 a.m. – Black History Month Service

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Musical Prelude

Processional Hymn #484 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Text by John Oxenham

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| 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth. | 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me. |
| 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind. | 4 In Christ now meet both east and
west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth. |

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Song "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Text by James W. Johnson

- 1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

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- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life,
look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make
whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Guest Speaker - Michele Johnson

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Amos 5:21-24

Reader A reading from the Book of Amos.

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the 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.**
- 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.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement 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.**

Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Second Reading:

1 John 4:15-21

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their siblings also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

An excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream'

I have a *dream* today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

Hymn "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Text from traditional liturgical text

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Repeat

Holy Gospel:

Luke 6:17–26

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the disciples] 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. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "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. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets . . ."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Song sung by Chimereze Henry Ahunanya

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #513 "Guide My Feet"

Text from African-American spiritual

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| <p>1 Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>3 Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> |
| <p>2 Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>4 I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> |

5 Search my heart while I run this race.
 Search my heart while I run this race.
 Search my heart while I run this race,
 for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Repeat stanza 1

1 Guide my feet while I run this race.
 Guide my feet while I run this race.
 Guide my feet while I run this race,
 for I don't want to run this race in vain!

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Wise and gracious God,
 you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the
 bread of heaven. Amen.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Michael
 Leach

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Gracious God,
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,

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Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Composer: Richard Ho Lung

Our Father who art in heaven, holy, holy, holy be thy name.
Our Father who art in heaven, holy be thy name.
Thy kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth.
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

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Give us this day our daily bread, give us this day our daily bread.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

Forgive us.. our trespasses.

Our Father who art in heaven, holy, holy, holy be thy name.

Our Father who art in heaven, holy be thy name.

Do not lead us into temptation, do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from evil, deliver us from evil.

And forgive us our trespasses, and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us, forgive us our trespasses.

Our Father who art in heaven, holy, holy, holy be thy name.

Our Father who art in heaven, holy be thy name.

Thy kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Do not lead us into temptation, do not lead us into temptation

But deliver us from all evil, deliver us from all evil.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Amern, amen. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
 - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
 - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
 - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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Communion Hymn #352 “Amazing Grace”

Text by John Newton & from a Collection

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| <p>1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!</p> <p>3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.</p> | <p>4 Through many dangers, toils, and
snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.</p> <p>5 When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.</p> |
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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen**

Doxology [Michael Leach]

People **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace;
be courageous; and protect all that is good; meet evil with justice;
strengthen the exhausted; support the weak; help the suffering;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with you each step of your journey. Amen

People **Amen.**

Drumming by the Ngoma Ensemble**Recessional Hymn #371 "To God Be the Glory"**

Text by Fanny Crosby

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| <p>1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.</p> | <p>2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.</p> |
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Refrain

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| <p>Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory,
who great things has done!</p> | <p>3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!</p> |
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Refrain

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments following the service.

<p>Today’s Scripture Readings</p> <p>Black History Month Service Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26</p>	<p>Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings</p> <p>Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-12,41-42 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38</p>
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<p>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</p>
<p>Congregation Cycle Beverley M, Kevin / Tichafa M / Jannifer N / Shatohk N & Najme K, Raein N / Diana N</p>

<p>Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Ali McIntosh</p> <p>Subdeacon & Intercessor Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Chalice Bearers Margie Lyttle, Aili Maki</p> <p>Readers Cheryl Dawkins Philip Tindan Carter Lyttle</p> <p>Crucifer Christian Ajubiga</p> <p>Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p>Singer Chimereze Henry Ahunanya</p> <p>Guest Speaker Michele Johnson</p> <p>Videographer Egan Done</p> <p>Altar Guild Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Usher Hazel Perkin, Ann-Marie Waithe Powell</p> <p>Welcome Table & Duty Warden, Philip Tindan</p> <p>Coffee Hour Hosts Colette Lyttle and Team</p>
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Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.