## Emmanuel Episcopal Church

# The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 12, 2023

8:00 q.m. & 10:30 q.m.



Reconciliation, by Josefina de Vasconcellos, St. Michael's Cathedral, Coventry, England

As we gather before the service begins, we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.

Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Now that the daylight fills the skies Paul Manz

Wayne Hatwich, organist

Processional Hymn God of grace and God of glory

#### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People:* And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

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

Hymn #594

love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Gloria in Excelsis (8:00am spoken)

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

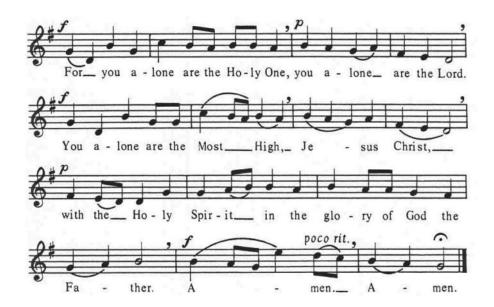
Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



(cont.)



(standing)

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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*.

## The Lessons

#### **Old Testament**

#### A Reading from Deuteronomy

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."

#### 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 <u>any</u> wrong, \* but always / **walk** in his ways.
- 4 You laid down / your commandments, \* that / we should <u>fully</u> keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were / made <u>so di-rect</u> \* that / I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be / put to shame, \* when I regard all / your com-mand-ments.
- 7 I will thank you with an / unfeigned heart, \* when I have / learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will / keep your statutes; \* do not utter-/ ly for-sake me.

Glory to the Father and / to the Son,\* And / to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the be-/ ginning, is now,\* And will / be for ever. Amen.

#### **Epistle**

#### A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

I Corinthians 3:1-9

**B**rothers 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.

#### The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn

Now that the daylight fills the skies

Hymn #3

(stand as you are able)

#### The Gospel

#### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

(seated)

Sermon

The Rev. Douglas Rogers, Deacon

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

#### Nicene Creed

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 glorified. 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.

#### The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our presiding Bishop and Paula our Bishop; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph our president and JB our governor;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, for those celebrating birthdays, especially John Dempster (02/13), Phil James (02/14), Bryson Gates (02/18), and Leadell Schmitt (02/18), and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Trish Rooney & Stan McGroarty (02/14).

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the victims of gun violence, the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, Nancy, Kylla, Ann, Linnea, Patrick, Ron, Rob, Mai, Cindy, and Lee;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jack.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(you may kneel or be seated)

People: 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 Peace and Announcements

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### Offertory Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1824)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sings that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be closer with God calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

(8:00am spoken)

#### Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

(10:30am sung)

#### Offertory Response

Hymn #124

vs. 5

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

#### Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.



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Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

#### Sanctus (8:00am spoken)

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.



(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. AMEN.

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

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

#### Agnus Dei (8:00 am spoken)

#### Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(10:30 am sung)



The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Hymn #674

#### Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

 $m{E}$ ternal 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.

#### Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn Go forth for God Hymn #347

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. People:

**Postlude** Dialogue 4th Couplet du Gloria François Couperin 'Le Grand'

('Messe Pour Les Paroisses')

## Note about the cover

"Reconciliation Sculpture," A work by Josefina de Vasconcellos, represents the reconciliation of those divided by war. It was donated to Coventry Cathedral by Sir Richard Branson in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Identical sculptures have been placed in the Peace Garden at Hiroshima, the gardens of Stormont, and Berlin.

## <u>Announcements</u>

**Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 14th at 7pm on Zoom.** Book Group will delve into the classics, reading *O Pioneers by Willa Cather*.

<u>Save the date: Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday February 21, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm.</u> This is a family-friendly event. Bring an appetizer or dessert, beverages provided.

Ash Wednesday February 22nd one service at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19th after the 10:30 service, the children will gather in the undercroft and create an Alleluia banner. On the First Sunday in Lent, the banner will be buried and brought out again on Easter Sunday. This reminds us we do not use the acclamation "Alleluia" for the season of Lent.

<u>Tickets are now available for The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde for February 23-26!</u> Tickets for this event can be purchased at: ticketor.com/rockforduniversity. We hope to see you there! Appearances by our choral scholars, Emmarie Wilson, Jake Rogers, and Joshua Ponsones.

Our Lent series this year is "Living Well Through Lent" from The Living Compass Spirituality & Wellness Initiative. The program begins Wednesday, March 1st at 11:30 a.m. with Stations of the Cross followed by lunch and a discussion on compassion and faith. Books are available for \$10 and can be picked up at the church office. Please write Lenten book in memo line of checks.

<u>The Dining Out Group will be enjoying the cuisine at the Stone Eagle</u> on State Street Thursday, February 23 at 11:30. Please call Mary Nielsen at 815-654-8995 for your reservation. Hope to see you there!

<u>Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 come celebrate Fat Tuesday in the Undercroft.</u> Bring an appetizer or dessert. Beverages provided.

<u>Support Relief Efforts in Syria and Turkey:</u> Please go to www.support.episcopalrelief.org/syria-turkey-earthquake to make a donation.

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman

Old Testament: Theresa Sinks

Epistle: Tyler Hillman

Prayers of the People: Mary Dammann

Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum

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