

## The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020

8 AM & 10 AM Rite II BCP 355

Prelude: Deep River Traditional

Please stand

Hymn: LEV&S 196 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect for Purity

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 S 277

### Collect

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 WORD OF GOD

Please be seated

**The First Lesson** 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**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 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.**

**The Epistle**

1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

**Sequence Hymn: LEV&S 218 Jesus Loves me, This I Know**

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 5:21-37**

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.**

**Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

Please stand

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**J2A Prayers of the People** Read by Aaron Woodberry

Please join us as we pray for the Church and the world

For the love and kindness from God, let our sins be washed away. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord give us strength.**

For our priests, Father Chip and Father Adolfo, and for our past priests that brought Grace to where it is today. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord give them guidance.**

For all the leaders of the world. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord help them make the world a better place.**

For the Westchester community we pray for a safe environment where people can be their true selves. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord give us protection.**

For the people with the skill set to grow and provide us with food. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord give them good weather.**

For the good Earth, God has given us, give us the ability to prevent climate change. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord give us wisdom to change.**

For those who are traveling, let them learn new things and have new experiences. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord grant them curiosity.**

For those who can no longer take care of themselves and for those struggling to get by day to day. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord give them peace and comfort.**

For those we now name silently or aloud (*please name those in your prayers currently*). Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord place your healing hands upon them.**

For those who now live with God in his eternal kingdom, especially those we now name either silently or aloud (*please name those in your prayers at this time*) and for all the saints who've gone before us.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord thank you for their presence on earth and in heaven.**

**The Confession**

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **Silence.**

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.**

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** BCP 360

Please be seated

#### Announcements

#### The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem:** I've Got a Robe Aaron David Miller

**Offertory Hymn:** LEV&S 162 Come by Here

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus and Benedictus** David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364

#### At the Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

**Agnus Dei** David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

#### The Invitation

BCP 364

**Anthem:** Be A Candle of Hope Becki Slagle Mayo

**Hymn:** LEV&S 220 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** BCP 365

#### Sending forth of the Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

#### Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** LEV&S 226 Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

#### Dismissal

**Postlude:** Prelude and Fugue in C Major Böhm

#### Ministers of the Liturgy

**Celebrant:** Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

**Assisting Priest:** Rev. Adolfo Moronta

**Organist:** Peter Roberts

**St. Nicholas Choir**

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Eileen McClean

**Lector 8AM:** Brinda Bradley

**10 AM:** Priya Kumar, Rohan Kumar

**Intercessor:** Aaron Woodberry

**Altar Minister 8AM:** Brinda Bradley

**10 AM:** Lauren Reid, Andrea Spencer

**Acolytes 10AM:** Jean Chambers, James Heffner,

Eric Woodberry, Aaron Woodberry, Harrison

Richards, Ivana Richards

**Ushers 10AM:** Margaret Bloomfield, Delroy Chang,

Bob Soso, Shirley Spencer Jean Wilson

**Coffee Hour Host:** Team 2 Ushers

Assistants: Team 3 Assist

**Nursery Care:** available during 10AM Service

**Grace Church Prayer List:** We hold the following people in prayer: Lee Aldrich, Bernice Burton, Gloria Chang, Cynthia Cole, Kimberly Corselli, Inez Dale, Carol DiGilio, Vincent Doria, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Sandra Esannason, Laura Fields, Sid Fromm, The Rev. Lisa Graves, Kat Graves, Lydia Green, Sylvia Howard, Linda Heusser, Jackie Jansky, Ivy John, Paul Nair, Evgeniy Kaufman, Nellie King, Peshotan, Kotval, Tim Lewis, Manoris Long, Donna Louis, Paxton Louis, Dorothy Lynch, Janice Moore, Brianna Parkinson, Selena Perry, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, Renee Reid, Uriel Reid, Charlotte Roberson, Al Sargent, Sonia P. Smith, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Dominick Vita, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Ray Williams

**Calvary Hospital:** Verna Brown

**Cedar Manor, Ossining:** Robert Auld

**The Grove at Valhalla:** Susan Stanton

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood

Please contact Sandy McAllister if you would like to place someone's name on our prayer list. If you have a family member or loved one on our prayer list, please provide our office with emergency contact information.

#### Birthdays

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Joyce Sampson, James Heffner

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Daryl Graves

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Lauren Reid

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Nathalia Gerring, Lawson Roach

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Velda Collymore, Anaiz Reynoso Roberts

#### Anniversaries

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Susan & Norman Stanton

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church! Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer. Our communion is open to all baptized Christians. Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available. Your presence is a blessing to us; may our worship together be a blessing to you.



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The Right Reverend Allen Kunho Shin, Bishop Suffragan  
The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop  
The Reverend Dr. Chip Graves, Rector  
The Reverend Adolfo Moronta, Associate Priest  
Peter Roberts, Director of Music of Grace Church  
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**Class of 2020:** Daisy Calderon, Hillary Fleming, Michael Heffner

**Class of 2021:** Irene Alves, Sorraya Sampson Elliott, Eileen McClean

**Class of 2022:** Daniel Corsanego, Edythe Horne, Charlotte Roberson

**Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by worship. We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our service to the wider community.**  
All are welcome.

