

# Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Sunday, February 13, 2022

### An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist from A New Zealand Prayer Book



## St. John's Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, MA

**Welcome to St. John's!** If you are visiting with us this morning, we are especially delighted that you have joined us. Please visit [www.sjcb.org](http://www.sjcb.org) for information about this vibrant community of faith. If you'd like to receive our weekly email newsletter, please let us know how we can keep in touch!

**Worship during Covid:** For the month of February, we will be worshipping Sundays at 9:00 a.m. You can join us online on the St. John's Facebook page, in our parking lot by tuning your radio to 103.1 fm or 'in person' in the church. Current indoor worship guidelines include maintaining social distancing and wearing masks or face coverings. Other instructions will be provided during the Welcome or following the Peace. However you worship with us, we are glad to have you as part of our community.

**Restrooms:** Small restrooms are located just outside the sanctuary by exiting the door to the right of the altar. Larger, handicapped-accessible restrooms can be found by exiting the same door and walking to the end of the hallway. So that we can ensure social distance during Covid, these are available for one person at a time.

## Welcome

## Opening Acclamation

*Officiant* This is the day which the Lord has made.  
*People* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

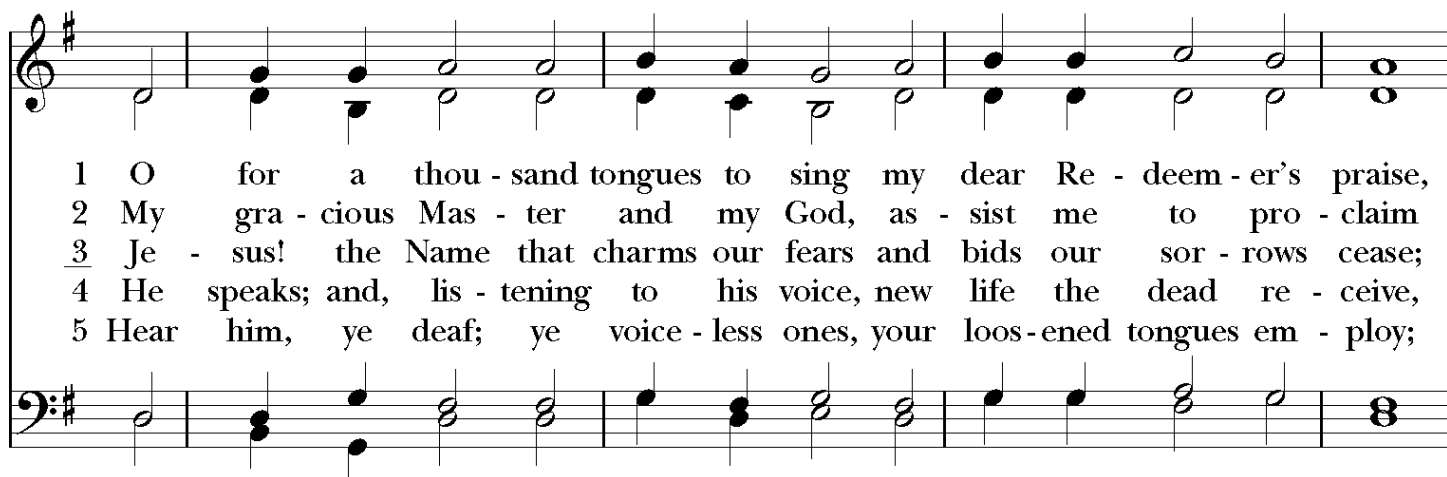
## The Collect of the Day

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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 Psalm 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 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.



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## **The Gospel** Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

*People* **Glory 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*All stand, as able.*

## **The 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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

First Form

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

Father, enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**  
Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**  
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**  
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love.**  
Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.  
**Father, into your hands we commend them.**  
Give comfort to those who mourn.  
**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May their example inspire and encourage us.** We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Peace

People                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                                    **And also with you.**

## The Offertory

**The Offertory Anthem**    The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen    Pinkham

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, Here will I sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

- Anonymous, from a collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

## The Great Thanksgiving

A New Zealand Prayer Book  
Celebrating the Grace of God

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Above all we give you thanks and praise for your grace in sending Jesus Christ, not for any merit of our own but when we had turned away from you. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

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

All glory and honour to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread. Silence may be kept.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

## **The Invitation**

*The priest invites the people saying*

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

### Communion Music

The Beatitudes (Mount Olive)

Franklin Edson Belden  
(1858-1945)

## The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

Trumpet Tune from First Organbook

Pinkham



## St. John's Prayer List

Andrew	Kristin
Andris	Linda
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Brenda	Mollie Byrnes
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Carolyn	Nick
Catherine	Olivia
Charles	Patty
Chris & his family	Paula
Christopher Hurley	Rania
Cill Triebs	Rebecca
Claudia Woods Estin	Rhys
Connee	Richard
Daisy	Robert Gabrielski
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David C	Sandy
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Helen	Tyler
Helena Shaw	Victoria
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Jack	
Jade	
Janet	
Jim	
Joan	
Joan and Sue	
John	
John Byrnes	
Jonathan	
Judith Nikitas	
Julian Braver	

## **Flowers**

The flowers for the High Altar were given by Penny Randolph in memory of Augusta Nightingale, Hortense Dixon, Francis Beale Randolph, Evan Randolph, Penelope Harrison Dixon, Courtland Harrison Dixon and George Beale. The flowers for the Chantry were given by Ginny Germond in memory of Alice and Pete Germond.

## **Winter Walk Boston**

A group of people from St. John's is walking in The Winter Walk this morning in Boston! Winter Walk is a campaign raising awareness and funds to help end homelessness in Boston and centers around a 2 mile walk this morning around the streets of Boston during the coldest month of the year. Those walking see it as a chance to link arms with those who experience homelessness and to listen humbly to their stories. If you are still interested in donating, please contact Sarah ([sarah@sjcb.org](mailto:sarah@sjcb.org)).

## **No Coffee Hour**

For the month of February, we will not be having coffee hour as the most recent wave of COVID continues to subside.

## **St. John's Ride Sharing!**

Need a ride to church? Want to give a ride to church?

Vestry member Wendy Waller is spearheading this new effort to match drivers with riders. If you can provide rides (occasionally or weekly) or need a ride (occasionally or weekly) please reach out via telephone to Wendy at (978) 578-4805 or via email at [waller.wendy55@gmail.com](mailto:waller.wendy55@gmail.com).

## **New Pastoral Care Committee Forming**

If you, or someone you know, need a visit from a clergy member or a member of the church, a meal or an errand or task done for you, please let us know. We would like to help! Our parish community has always been eager to lend a hand during challenging times. We have just formally formed a pastoral care committee, who with the guidance of our clergy, will help in whatever way we can.

We realize that discretion and confidentiality are paramount to the success of this effort and we would like to assure you that privacy will be honored.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to committee chair Maida Broudo at ([maidadale@gmail.com](mailto:maidadale@gmail.com)), George Stevens ([george@sjcb.org](mailto:george@sjcb.org)), Sarah Brock ([sarah@sjcb.org](mailto:sarah@sjcb.org)), or Jodie Stevenson ([janetdstevenson@icloud.com](mailto:janetdstevenson@icloud.com)). AND, if you have interest in participating on this committee, please also email one of the addresses listed above. We would welcome your help.

## **Vestry Nominations**

In preparation for our annual meeting in March, the nominating committee would love to hear your recommendations for the vestry. In this important time of transition, a diverse group of leadership is needed. If you would like to nominate yourself or a parishioner, please reach out to our Senior Warden, Jodie Stevenson, at [janetdstevenson@icloud.com](mailto:janetdstevenson@icloud.com).

## **Outdoor Reception for George**

On February 27, 2022 after the 9am Service of Leave-Taking we will gather together for an Outdoor Reception to offer our thanks for George and share time together. A Paperless Post invitation was sent on January 28<sup>th</sup>, if you have not responded please RSVP. We look forward to being together and please dress warmly!

### **Beverly Bootstraps needs grains.**

For the month of February Beverly Boots has asked for grains: think couscous, bulgur wheat, quinoa, farrow, all rice varieties, etc.

Donations can be brought to church on Sunday mornings during worship or dropped off anytime in the bins outside the church office. Please avoid glass bottles and check those expiration dates!

### **Weekday Services This Week**

Join us on Facebook Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8pm for Compline and in our chapel Wednesdays at 9 am for Holy Eucharist.

### **Save the Date!**

On Sunday March 27th at 4 PM, the St. John's Concert Series will present the second event of our 2021-22 season. The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra concert in October was so much fun and so well attended; we hope to attract a large audience again for this very different but equally lively program.

Former Music Director Jeremy Bruns and current Music Director Frances Conover Fitch will collaborate on an varied and lively program of music for organ, harpsichord, and piano. Francie and Jeremy will be playing some duets. Among the featured composers will be César Franck, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Elisabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre, the child prodigy harpsichordist who lived at the court of Louis IV.

### **Isabel's Office Hours**

Isabel will be at St. John's in the office on Tuesdays from 10am-3pm, Fridays from 10am-12pm and by appointment. Please reach out if you need access to the building outside of these set times to Isabel at [isabel@sjcb.org](mailto:isabel@sjcb.org). Isabel would also love to get to know more of you, so please feel free to drop by for a chat!

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