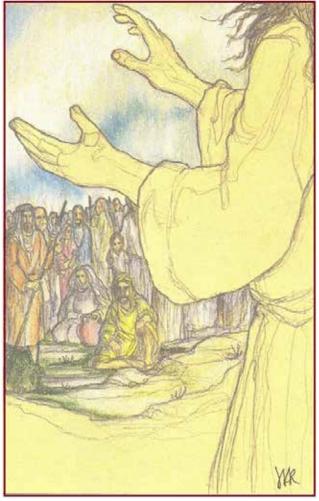
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



"Beatitudes" by William Rimkus, 1990

Sunday, February 16th, 2025 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol \$\P\$ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

The feast of the Epiphany falls on the 6th of January each year, following the 12 days of Christmas. This festival appears to have developed in the early part of the 4th century and its name comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance" or "manifestation" since Epiphany is associated with the manifestation of Christ to the world.

The season following the Epiphany is of variable length because it continues until the beginning of Lent. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is special because it commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday) is also special as we celebrate the Transfiguration in which Jesus's divine glory is revealed upon the mountaintop. For those two Sundays, the liturgical color will be white. For the other six, we will be in green, the color of life and growth.

The Gospel appointed on Epiphany (which is rarely a Sunday, so we don't often hear it) is the well-known story of the magi following a star to worship the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. So we will keep our decorative glass stars over the choir pews and organ to remind us where we are in the calendar. We will also be using Eucharistic Prayer C, with its references to space, galaxies, and planets.



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

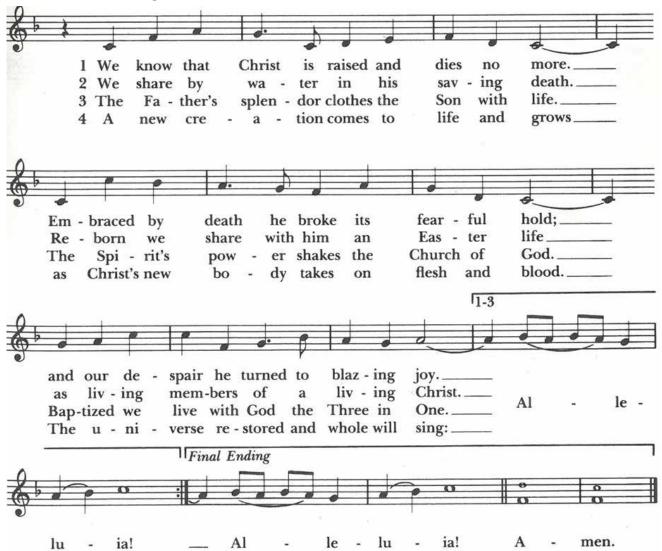
Prelude Chorale
Louis Verne (1870-1937)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 *296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

All are invited to stand and sing.



Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant

XBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 worthly magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria • *Hymnal '82 **S-278

Please use the blue hymnal found in the pew pocket in front of you

The Collect of the Day

BCP p.216

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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson • A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The choir introduces the refrain, sings the verses, refrain by all.

Psalm 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!
- Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night. *Refrain by all*
- 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.
- It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away. *Refrain by all*
- 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. *Refrain by all*

The Second Lesson • A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 *440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word



The Gospel Luke 6:17-26

XThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

Please be seated.

The Sermon Deacon Bill Rimkus

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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.

XWe look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Trusting in the Lord for every mercy, let us offer prayers for all our friends in Christ in the church and the world who need mercy.

For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

People Lord, have mercy.

For Paula, our bishop, David and Kate our priests, Bill our deacon and all who minister in Christ, and for all the people of God.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those chosen to govern peoples and nations, and for the welfare of their people.

People Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer from any form of oppression, and for the poor and hungry.

People Lord, have mercy.

For all who are sick and troubled, **X**and for the dying and the dead.

People Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, and for our families and all those we love.

People Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Lord.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon God of every blessing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and plant your people like trees by water in the garden of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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, **X**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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Wonder Love and Praise #811

You Shall Cross the Barren Desert

To be sung by the choir

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,

Blessed, blessed are you!

Refrain

The Doxology • *Hymnal '82 **380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p.369

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.

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.

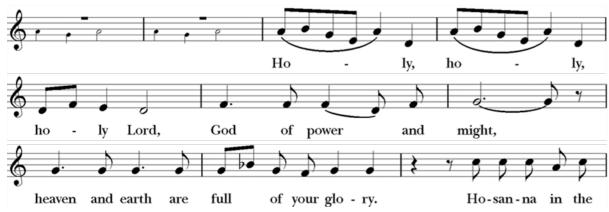
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

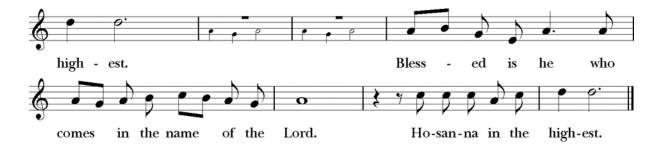
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-128





The people stand or kneel. Then 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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, 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. **X**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**.

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

Celebrant and People

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.

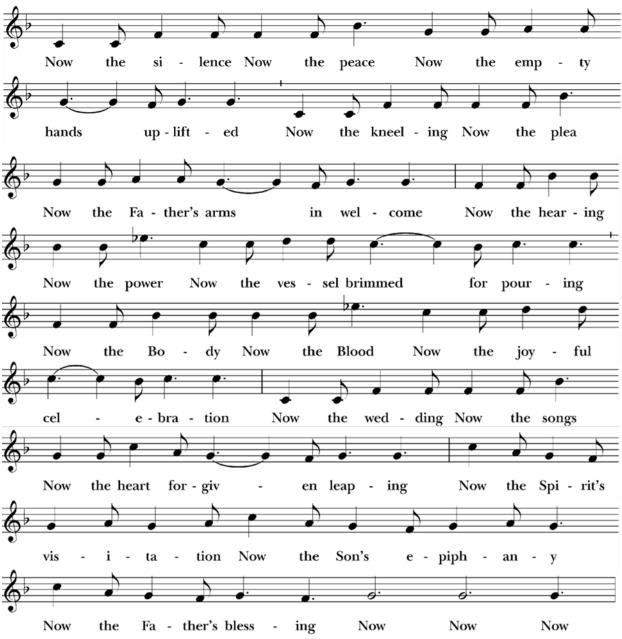
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem • Hymnal '82 *333

Now the silence

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung



The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Hymn • Hymnal '82 #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise



All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing X

Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 *635

If thou but trust to God to guide thee



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wer nur den Lieben Got Lasst Walten J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sarah Coffee on her birthday from Bill, Margaret and Spencer Coffee.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, February 16th

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:30am, Formation: Living Compass Wellness Circle

Sunday, February 23rd

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:30am, Formation: Living Compass Wellness Circle

Birthdays: James Severns, Cecilia Storino

Anniversaries: Kathleen & Randy Valenta, congratulations on your 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

In our prayers: Rich, Glen, Rose, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.

<u>Welcome to a special guest</u>, the Archdeacon Michael Choquette is joining us for our 10am service. Since July 2024, Deacon Mike has lent his energy and creativity to support the entire deacon community. He has tended to the pastoral and vocational needs of deacons as they seek new ways to serve and support the discernment of people who are exploring a call to diaconal ministry.

Welcome to our new Music and Choir Director, Rich Spantikow

Formation: A Living Compass Wellness Circle

Join us for a six-week program, led by Stacy Jackson, BSW CADC, and Mary Borge, LCPC. We'll begin with a self-assessment of the state of our Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind, and then discuss how our faith informs our wellness and daily decisions. You'll learn how to assess your current state of balance and well-being, learn important lessons about change, and set weekly goals for the changes you feel ready to make. Join us for as many sessions as you can, until its final session on March 9th.

Emmanuel Is Collecting Its Next Welcome Pack - Goods Due today

Thank you for purchasing items for a family, you can still make a monetary donation to our efforts - mark your check "Exodus," or choose from the selection in the drop-down menu on Tithe.ly. Please speak to Rev. Kate if you are available this coming week and are interested in helping with delivery and set up.

Giving Warms the Heart: Donate Blood here at Emmanuel on Tuesday, March 18th between 3and 7pm. More details will be available soon to sign-up.

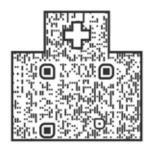
Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or remember a loved one with flowers on the altar, given to the Glory of God and...your chosen person, memory, event, you can sign up using the flower chart in the hallway for any number of Sunday's. The cost is \$50 per Sunday and you would be able to take them home after the 10am service if you wish. Please let the office know your dedication for the week(s) you have selected.

Memorial Hall Kitchen Regeneration Project

With the blessing of our Vestry, we are looking to raise \$3,000 to cover the cost of a new stove (as pictured) and the reconnecting of the fire suppressant system. Please consider an extra donation, we have raised \$990 so far, thank you. Please use the QR code for Giving for the General Fund and note it as Stove or write Stove on the memo line of your check. We are looking forward to hosting more hospitality & fellowship events in the kitchen.







Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
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at 8:00pm Compline (online)

Sundays at 8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music) at 10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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