

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

February 16, 2020 Year A

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Hymns preceded by L (or with a red line on the hymn boards) will be found in Lift Every Voice and Sing. All other hymns will be found in the blue Hymnal.

PRELUDE *Andante religioso* in B-flat and *Prelude* in G Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Holy, holy, holy (Nicaea) **HYMNAL #362**

***OPENING ACCLAMATION** **BCP 355**

***COLLECT FOR PURITY**

***GLORIA** **HYMNAL #S-278**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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 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.

ANTHEM

Lord, Have Mercy

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our heart to keep Thy law.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts.

[taken from The Book of Common Prayer]

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.

***SEQUENCE HYMN**

Lord Jesus, think on me (Southwell)

HYMNAL #641 vs. 1-2

***THE GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 5:21-37

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

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.

THE SERMON

THE REV. MEGAN CASTELLAN

***THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Be with us, O Christ, in the offering of our prayers, as we respond, "Hear us, God of Glory."

+ That by your blessing and unfaltering presence we may choose life over death, and follow the path whose destination is spiritual prosperity and whose way is uncompromising love; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That our ministry with and for each other may take on the yoke of servanthood, the garment of humility that transcends quarreling, false witness, and selfrighteousness, so that we may walk the road that leads to Christ, and bear witness to his truth; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That the Church, in her desire to foster growth and change, may respond to the needs of those outside her fellowship, proclaiming the liberating power of forgiveness and the glorious freedom that flows from God's glorious mercy; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For peace throughout the world, beginning with our families and friends, flowing into the hearts of our political leaders, finding its fulfillment through the nations and peoples of the world; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ In thanksgiving for those who tend to the needs of the poor, giving aid when needed, training when helpful, teaching when called upon, and who commit to those whom others neglect; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ In thanksgiving for the promise of eternal life, and for the intercessions of those who have died and who now live upon another shore and in a greater light; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ In thanksgiving for our children, who unknowingly capture the essence of mystery, drawing us beyond earthly wisdom and revealing the simplicity of faith; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

In the confidence of God's unending love, let us continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Jean	Susan	Joan	Bill	Ann	Billy
CeCe	Carie	Pam	Eizabeth	Richard	Dhara	Julee
Lorraine	Edith	Libby	John	Kathleen		

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Erik Wagner, Rosemary McKee

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

***THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jubilant Procession

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

arr. for handbells by Mark Ardrey-Graves, 2011

***PRESENTATION HYMN**

Pass me not, O gentle Savior (Doanne)

HYMNAL # L 139

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Eucharistic Prayer B **Expansive Language Booklet**

***SURSUM CORDA** **HYMNAL #S-120**

***SANCTUS** **HYMNAL #S-130**

AGNUS DEI **HYMNAL #S-164**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. Traditionally, people are baptized before they receive communion for the first time. If you would like to be baptized, please talk to Mtr. Megan. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN Strengthen for service, Lord (Malabar) **HYMNAL #312**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

***RECESSIONAL** Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise (Ellers) **HYMNAL #345**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Maestoso e vivace* in C Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

GREETERS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Dan Greybeal, Stephanie Nevels, Michael Roman

ACOLYTES Amber Massa, Matthew Stedinger

This week's Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Col. Richard Comstock by Richard Comstock, Jr

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

Birthdays February 16- 22, 2020

Erik Wagner, Rosemary McKee

ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD SUPPLY NEEDS

March 1	Non Perishable food items
February 16	Personal Hygiene items

SINGERS WELCOME to join with our Parish Choir on a seasonal basis, for Lent, Holy Week and Easter! Speak with our music director after services, or contact her through the church office. More info, repertoire lists and videos may be accessed at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/music>.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Beginning TODAY at 2 pm, we will be having a class for all who wish to be confirmed, be received officially into the Episcopal Church, make an adult affirmation of their baptism, or otherwise brush up on their Episcopalian knowledge. The class will be appropriate for all ages. Contact Mtr. Megan for more details.

THE TRAVELERS ARE BACK! On Sunday March 15th during the Third Sunday Parish Breakfast Mtr. Megan will share stories and photographs from the trip to the Holy Land.

THE BISHOP IS COMING On Palm Sunday, April 5th, The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan -Probe will be joining us on her official parish visit. Stay tuned for more details!

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Prayer for February

For the victims of racial discrimination, that they may be filled with hope for a more just future, healing from wounds received, courage to advocate for change and for peace, and the grace to overcome hatred with love, we pray.

For those who work for racial justice, that they may be sustained with hope, empowered with courage, and filled with grace to persevere, we pray. Amen



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The Rev. Megan Castellan, Rector

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AnnMarie Hautaniemi, Parish Administrator

Karen A. Hindenlang, Director of Music/Organist

Matthew Sanaker, Jr. Warden

Chuck Merrill, Weekday Sexton

Crawford R. Thoburn, Assisting Conductor

Today	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	8:45 AM	Third Sunday Breakfast
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Holy (Choral) Eucharist, Rite II
	12:00 PM	Balcony Bells Rehearsal
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Mid Week Eucharist
	6:00 PM	Education for Ministry/ Chapman Room
Thursday	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

ASH WEDNESDAY February 28th Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes

7:30 AM Parish Hall

11:30 AM @ Kendal

7 PM Parish Hall

(Parsons is cleaning the organ pipes in the church)