

Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional: This Joyful Eastertide **Green Hymnal 308**

Opening Sentence **BCP 355**

The Gloria **S280, BCP 356**

The 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.

First Reading: 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.

Psalms 1 **BCP 585**

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.

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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- 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.

Second Reading: 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.

Gradual Hymn: Brightest and best (vs 1-2) Green Hymnal 235

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with them 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 on 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 Sermon	The Rev. Laura Miller
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 392
The Confession of Sin	BCP 393
The Peace	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: I Christ had not been raised Green Hymnal 434

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
The Sanctus	S125, BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	

*All baptized persons are welcome
to receive communion at God's holy table.*

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: O Christ the healer Green Hymnal 638

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional: 2,000 years since Bethlehem (vs1-3,5)Gr Hymnal 540

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of Beverly Bolton by Mtr. Laura*

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the Church in Central America, and the Dioceses of Central Pennsylvania and Chicago, IL. In our Diocese we pray for St. Luke's in Chatham, Grace Church in Cherry Valley, St. George's in Clifton Park, St. Christopher's in Cobleskill, and St. John's in Cohoes.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Duane, Heidi, Mikela, Sharon, Bill, Sally, Jack, Al, Joe, Judy, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Jackie, Vicki, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

Today: Join us for coffee hour after the service.

Annual Meeting, moved to today, February 16th following the service. Festive brunch will be served.

Looking for a way to help? Join a committee on fundraising and event planning. See Mtr. Laura.

Sock Drive: The Daughters of the King are collecting new socks to donate to Open Door Ministries and North Country Ministry. New adult sized socks are needed. There is a box for the collection in the Parish Hall.

Open flower dates: 2/23, 6/8, 8/28, 10/4, 11/2,16,23,&30, 12/14.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Monday & Tuesday: Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:00-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

Saturdays: Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coming soon...

Community Dinner - Next dinner on March 12th at Sacred Heart, 5 pm. Host is to be determined.

Bible Study - We will do a 4-part video study and discussion on *The Case for Easter: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus*, by Lee Strobel. Stay tuned for dates and times!

May 3, Saturday, Installation of Mtr. Laura. Bishop Jeremiah presiding. Details to follow.