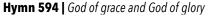
SIXTH EPIPHANY | HOLY EUCHARIST

The Christ-follower's life is described as one choice after another and it is God's Spirit who inspires us to what God has already chosen for us: life in and with God always.

About this Gathering

Epiphany Season teaches us that Jesus the Christ is the Light of the world. Moreover, Jesus calls us to be witnesses to that light by following him into ministry and by being active in the Church. Being active in Church provides opportunities to hear what the Spirit is saying in our lives and active participation in the Sunday Gatherings provides moments to listen to the Spirit. So listen intently to God's Word in Scripture, sing the hymns with gusto, read the prayers with great intention, greet your fellow worshippers with energy and a smile!

Prelude







Masks & Gatherings Due to the ever-changing environment surrounding the pandemic, we ask that while at the Gathering: fully vaccinated mask optional, not fully vaccinated mask requested and everyone soft singing.

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WORD OF GOD

Greeting & Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One;

You come to your people and set them free.

Song of Praise | *Glory, Glory, Glory Gloria, Gloria, Gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



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Collect

God 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*.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses challenges the people to decide between two ways of living.

A Reading from Deuteronomy.

"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 certainly 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

The psalmist describes those who are blessed because of their fidelity to God's commands.

Let us read Psalm 119 responsively.

 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, ullet

who walk in the law of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

³Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

⁴You laid down your commandments, * that we should fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes!

⁶Then 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.

81 will keep your statutes; *

do not utterly forsake me.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

The Corinthians seem to have categorized one another's spiritual maturity; however, Paul informs them that they are far from being as spiritually mature as they think.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

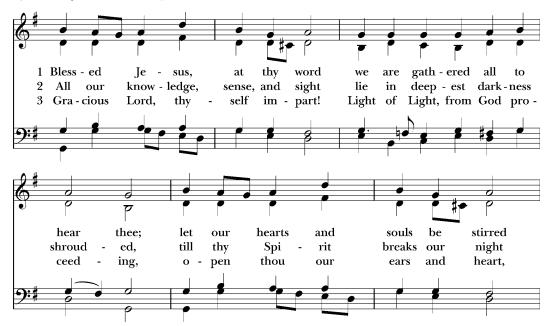
And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling[a] among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

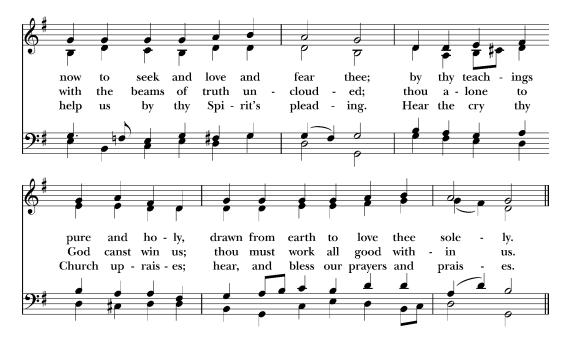
What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 440 | Bless'd Jesus, at thy word





Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus' antitheses – "it was said... but I say..." – are a statement about who Jesus is and what authority he bears.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

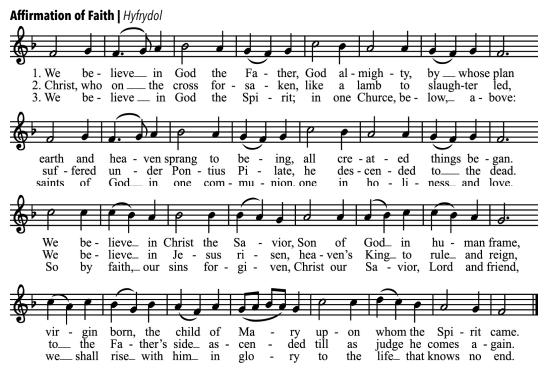
"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"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 our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Prayers of the People

Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord! So let us come before the Lord, saying, "Righteous God, direct our ways."

Lord our God, bless your Church. May those who plant and those who water recognize their common purpose. Give abundant growth where your Church labors faithfully.

Silence

Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

Lord our God, bless the people of this and every nation. Draw nations and leaders to choose those ways that promote life and not death.

Silence

Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

Lord our God, bless this planet, your very footstool. Give us the wisdom and will to allow the earth to prosper as you have intended bringing forth growth and prosperity.

Silence

Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

Lord our God, bless this and all our city. Give us those things we need to live together as neighbors. Remove from our hearts anger, discord, and lust.

Silence

Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

Lord our God, bless the sick and the struggling. May they find life in relationship with you. Make them happy as they seek you with all their hearts.

The people add their thanksgiving and petitions, followed by silence.

Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

Lord our God, bless the dying and the dead. May they find peace and comfort at the foot of your heavenly throne.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Righteous God,

Direct our ways.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal. *Amen*.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Please click the "Giving" tab to make a secure online offering | Please share communion with us Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Hymn 433 | We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing



Offering

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your reign. Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

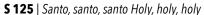
Let us give thanks to our God.

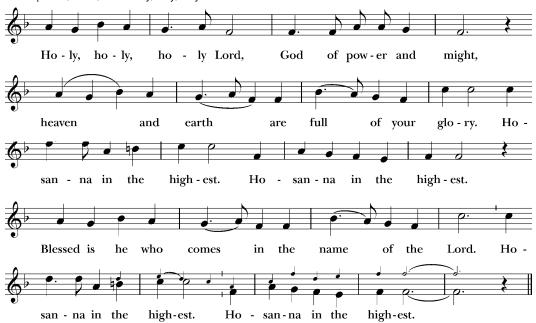
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. 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. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:





All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; 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; 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.

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your reign. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

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 forever. Amen.

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.

Do not let us fall into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread & Communion

Christ-followers knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

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

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Blessing Over the People

May Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be upon you, and the Spirit's outpouring be within you, now and always. *Amen*.



Hymn 304 | I come with joy to meet my Lord



Dismissal

Go now to love and serve our Savior. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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10AM, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY THE HOLY EUCHARIST & THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

We repent of our sins and pray for forgiveness.

About this Gathering

Ash Wednesday invites us to the observance of a holy Lent by preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a time of reorientation, return and renewal. It is a time to recommit to striving to be the people we want to be in response to God's self-giving love in Jesus the Christ. There is no "one-size-fits-all" Lenten discipline; however, as Christ-followers we are all called to reflect on our common need to renew our repentance and faith.



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