

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Offertoire

Alexander Guilmant

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 665: All my hope on God is founded

Michael

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant 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 worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 280

Robert Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

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

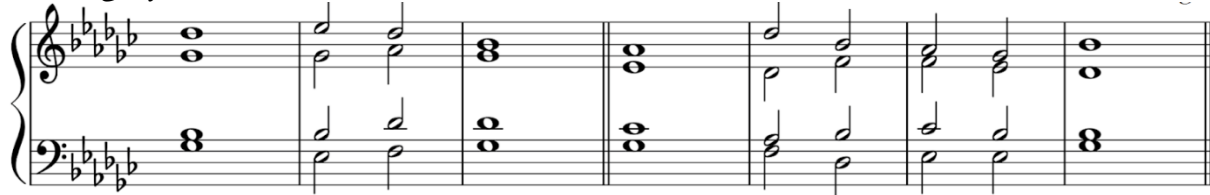
the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM I (sung by all)

Edward Elgar



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 | coun·cil | of · the | righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the | way of · the | righteous *
but the | way · of the | wicked · is | doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

Gospeller The 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE NICENE CREED

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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. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Susan, our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Priest adds concluding prayers and collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(please kneel)*

People 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, 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 *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

*Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S129

Robert Powell

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal SI63

Robert Powell

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion at Christ & St. Luke’s:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Ave verum corpus

Gabriel Fauré

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

COMMUNION HYMN 440: Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray. (*please stand or kneel*)

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 537: Christ for the world we sing

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of
Jennifer Romm and Charles Lattimer.*

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Newport News and St. John's, Mount Airy.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Ellen Coffman, Jack Connell, Glenn Davis, Sr., Kay Gordley, Mary Helen McCoy, Shawn Morlock, Jason Primm, Susan Pryor, Steve Richardson, and Barb Schafer. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there.

For the Repose of the Soul: Gerry Fitzgerald.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, Blair Bickford, David Black, Tom Bolt, Meriel Burgess-Wright, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Sam Hedgecock, Dean Kershaw, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Jack Mace, Ceil McCoid, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Phyllis Sayers, William Swan, Jake Tobin, Anne Traylor, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Ron Baldrige, Abbey Brassfield, Delane Coffey, Jonathan Glaser, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Grant Singleton, Mavis Stapleford, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: February 17-23

Charles Cowen, Michael Haycox, Mary Hing, Tim Holt, Ronald Kloster, Roark McClellan, Carolyn Money maker, Margaret Moore, John Powell, Gwendolyn Sinclair, and Michelle Sturges.

This week's anniversaries: February 17-23

Charles Cowen & Mitchell Frizzell and Chip & Margaret Land.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

The Charles Ives Songbook – TODAY, Sunday, February 16, 4:00 p.m.

The Annual Allen Shaffer Concert - We celebrate the work of a truly American composer, Charles Ives, featuring compositions that include hymns and well-known songs. The New Commonwealth Quartet performs his String Quartet No. 1, in addition to performances by pianist Stephen Coxe, organist Norman Elton, and vocalist Hunter Enoch. Free-will offering.

Ash Wednesday, March 5

There are three opportunities to start your Lenten journey with services at Christ & St. Luke's:

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 5:00 p.m. Family Service with Choristers; Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

FORMATION

Adult Formation: The Prophets – Continues thru March 2, 9:15 a.m., Lloyd Hall

In this 8 week series we are spending time in our Sunday morning Adult Formation classes with Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the others who help us hear God's call in our lives. We'll look at how and why these books were written, how they have been interpreted across generations, and what wisdom they offer to us still today. This series, led by Fr. Noah and Fr. Jared, will also utilize the St. John's Bible to enhance our study of this prophetic literature. This class meets weekly *January 12 - March 2*.

Sarah McCammon Book Talk – Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.

National NPR political reporter and Norfolk resident, Sarah McCammon has written a book entitled *The Exvangelicals: Loving, Living, and Leaving the White Evangelical Church* which tells her story about her experience growing up in and eventually leaving the Evangelical church, a story shared by many people in our parish. Join us for this very special event!

Outreach/Fellowship Event for 9-11 year olds – TODAY, Sunday, February 16, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us in the meeting room (*gold room*) immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service for an outreach project and fellowship. We'll make our own nachos for lunch and prepare "encouragement cards" for guests at our local shelter programs. Please encourage your child to attend, even if they haven't been able to make it to our 9:15 a.m. formation class yet.

***The St. John's Bible* Tours - Open Hours through the end of April 2025**

Docent-Hosted Tours

- Sundays: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- Private group tours by appointment.

Baptism Registration - Inquire Today!

Interested in Baptism? Our next offering of *Take A Dip into Baptism*, our baptismal preparation course, will begin in late February. This course is required for anyone considering baptism during our upcoming baptismal celebrations at Easter (April), Pentecost (June), and Summer Baptism (August). If you're thinking about baptism for yourself or for a child in your family, speak with Fr. Jared to start the process. Baptismal spots do tend to fill quickly.

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel

- The Registration Form for all children's programs may be found online under announcements.
- 9:00 a.m. **Childcare:** *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the Children's Room.
- 9:00 a.m. **Children's Formation:** *Children 3 years to 3rd grade (3-8 years old)* gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- 9:00 a.m. **Children's Formation:** *Children in 4th & 5th grade (9-11 years old)* gather in Lower Lloyd Hall for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's in a fun and relaxed setting. Participants are invited to join their families or sit together for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- 10:15 a.m. **Children's Chapel:** *All children through 3rd grade* participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

Important information for when you drop off your child:

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is here and please make sure there is an adult present. If your child is rejoining you for communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp.

FELLOWSHIP

Seasoned Spirits - Kick-Off Event, Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

This group was begun by parishioners who wanted to make deeper connections with other members of their church family passing through the middle decades of life. So if you have aged out of our wonderful "Pub Club" group for people in their 20's and 30's but are still hungry to connect with people, join us!

We will meet on the third Tuesday each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the *Green Onion at 1603 Colley Avenue, Norfolk.* Food and drink available for purchase. For additional information contact Jo Ann Short (joannshort21@gmail.com).

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Palooza – Tuesday, March 4, 5:00 p.m.

We will end the season after the Epiphany with a *Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday Pancake Palooza.* Come eat pancakes, bury the Alleluia, burn your palms from last year's Palm Sunday and much more. Contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information.

OUTREACH

Norfolk Winter Shelter Updates

Our week of the Norfolk Winter Shelter ended this morning. This week's cold and rainy weather has made our ministry that much more important. A big thanks is due to our entire volunteer corps who tirelessly gave of their time and energy to make the shelter possible. A thank you, as well, to all who donated in the past few weeks to support the work of the NWS. A specific thank you is due to our NWS leadership team, Jamie Lewis, Vickie Easley, Ken Reynolds, and Dixcy Kilduff, who have worked hard over the past few months to facilitate the shelter. The shelter now moves to Trinity Presbyterian this afternoon. Please keep the guests of the NWS, as well as the volunteers and staff at Trinity, in your prayers as this important work continues into March.

Volunteers Needed for The Tidewater Friends of Foster Care Gala, Saturday, February 22

Remember back in November when we did that amazing thing and sponsored 100 foster children for the holidays? The TFFC Gala will be held February 22 at the Oceanfront Marriott, Virginia Beach. We are *seeking volunteers from 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.* to assist us with a number of things including set-up, take-down, overseeing the silent auction, and manning the registration desk. If you are available to help we would be grateful for your assistance! The link to sign up may be found under our weekly announcements online. A non-mandatory pre-gala training session will be hosted on February 19 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) with any questions.

**The event is cocktail attire and no children will be permitted to volunteer.*

Urban Renewal Center's Homeless Housing Program: Making a house a Home

Household donations play a crucial role in providing individuals in transition with essential furnishings for their new homes. Our ministry partners at the URC are asking you to consider donating furniture and household items to those transitioning from homelessness to stable housing. Also, they are seeking volunteers to transport furniture from donors' homes to the recipients' new spaces. If you have a truck and are willing to help transport larger furniture, let them know!

Items needed (listed in order of priority): Sofas, chairs, bed frames, box springs, mattresses, dressers, dining room tables, end tables, lamps, coffee tables, sets of dishes, pots and pans. *(please only donate items that are new or gently used)* To arrange a donation or to volunteer, please contact Sidney Dobbins (sidney@theurcnorfolk.com).



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WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music
Marjorie Setnicky, Associate Organist
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations
Stephen Ipock, Facilities Manager
Michelle Sturges, Business Administrator
Rachel Welch, Administrative Assistant
Will Lee, Director of Communications
David Roberts, Sexton for Security

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