

St. Luke's Table

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Rejoice and leap for joy, for
behold, your reward is great in
heaven. Luke 6:23



Sermon on the Mount, Jan Bruegel
Getty Center, Los Angeles, California

Welcome and Good Morning!

A Service of the Word from the Supplementary to the
Book of Alternative Services

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The Gathering of the Community

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen.

inspired by Psalm 1

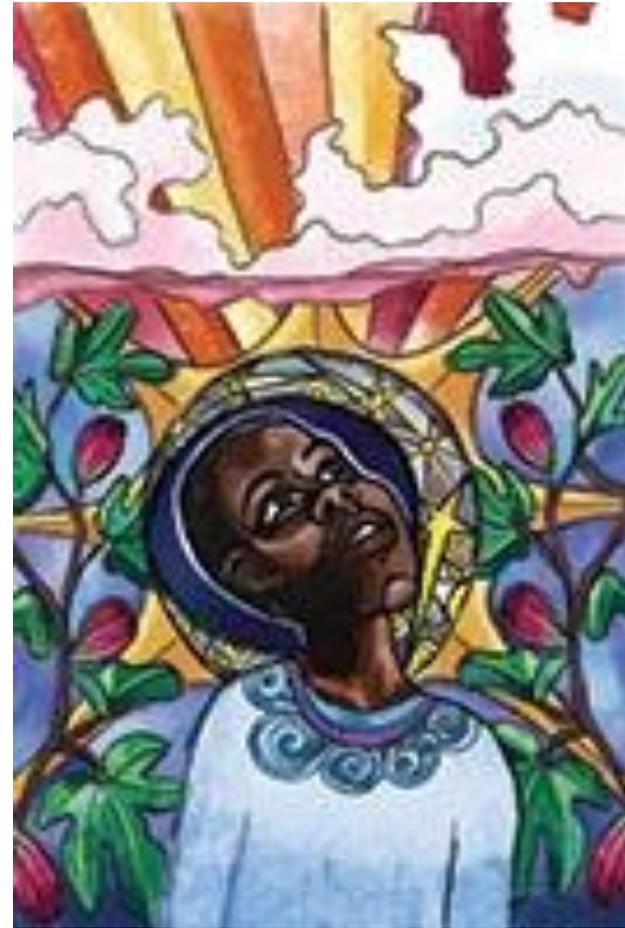
God plants us like trees by streams of water,
That we might blossom and flourish.

Blessed are those who trust in God.
The Lord watches over our way.

Let us pray:

**God the gardener,
who blesses us in all seasons of our lives,
assure us of the truth of your birth, death and
resurrection,
so we can know,
despite the trials of this world,
that we are blessed
because we are yours.
Amen**

Opening Hymn



Raise Your Head, Lauren Wright Pittman

Confession and Assurance

The God of every blessing
looks upon us with grace and favour,
even when we are captive to the curse of sin.

Trusting in our gracious God,
let us renounce all that is evil
and seek the mercy of the Lord.

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

**Woe to us when we gather into barns
for soon this life will be over.**

Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger
for the empty places in body and soul are the
fertile soil for new growth.

**Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

Blessed are we who know sorrow
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.
**Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

Blessed are we who know scorn
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.
**Woe to us who depend on the approval of others
for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.**

Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,
For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation
of the Word
First Reading:
Jeremiah 17:5-10



A Choice, Lauren Wright Pittman

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 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?

Let 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.

Psalm 1 (alternating verses)

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

**or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

**They are like trees
planted by the streams of water,**

which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and
nourish us with the living water of your word, that we
may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Saviour. Amen**

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus,
Rowan LeCompte and Irene LeCompte
Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC



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.

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.

Gradual Hymn



Angel musicians, Georg Anton Macheln
Church of St. Magnus, Bad Schussenried, Germany

The Good News:
Gospel of Christ
according to
Luke 6:17-26



Sermon on the Mount, Karoly Ferenczy,
Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest, Hungary

He (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 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.

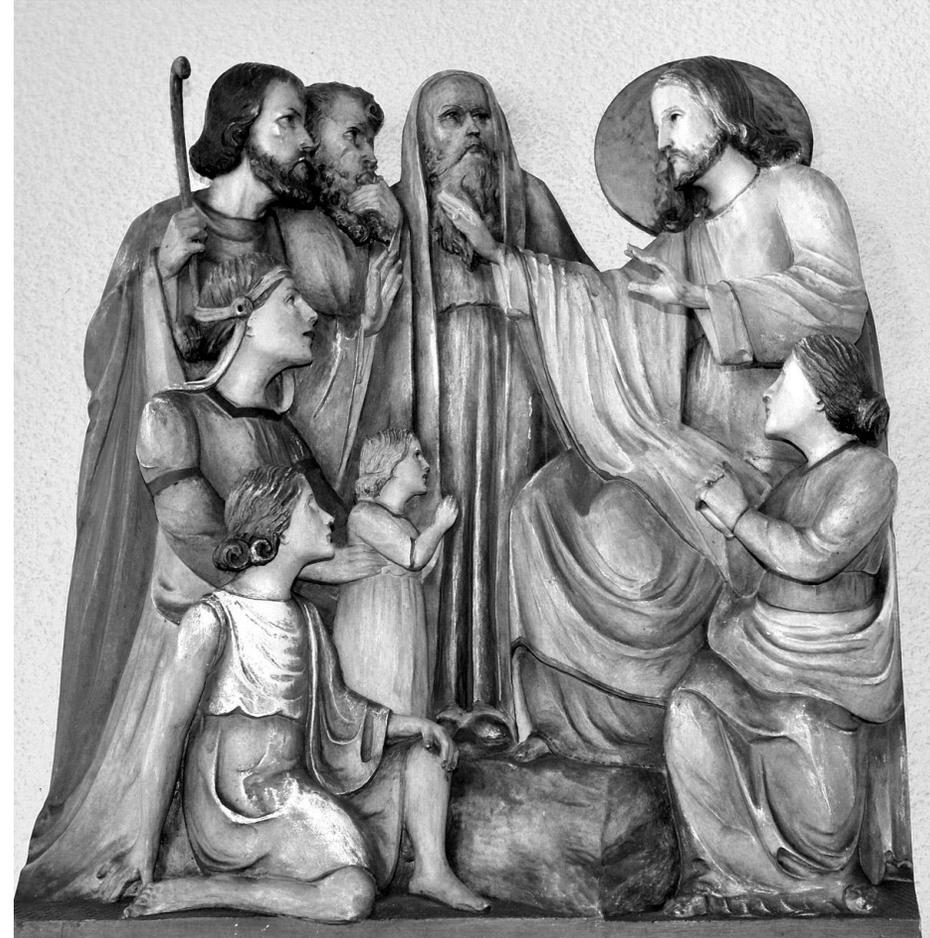
“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection



Sermon on the Mount, Anonymous
Church in Schwebsange, Schwebsange, Luxembourg

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People



Elements of Peace, Kelowna,
British Columbia

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

As we offer our gifts,
we join Christ in blessing those who are poor,
those who are hungry,
those who weep.

Let us rejoice in the opportunity
to bless others as Christ has blessed us.

Offertory Hymn



The Offering, Saturnio Hérran
Museo Nacional de Arte, Mexico City, Mexico

Prayer over the Gifts:

Eternal God,

**you are the strength of the weak
and the comfort of sufferers,
receive all we offer you this day;
turn our sickness into health
and our sorrow into joy.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty and everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
and restored them to wholeness of life,
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your power make whole
all peoples and nations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Announcements

Birthdays

Closing Hymn



Cosmovitrail, Leopoldo Flores
Toluca, Mexico

Sending out:

Go and proclaim the truth: Christ is here!

Thanks be to God!

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