

# The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

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St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish  
Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

## Prelude: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## Opening Hymn: LEVAS #189 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, There is no shad-ow of  
Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon and stars in their  
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not,  
cours-es a-bove, Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness,  
cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row.

As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
To thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed, Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

## Opening Acclamation and Prayer

Celebrant: Christ is our everlasting light.  
People: **And God is our glory.**  
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

*All pray together:* **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.**

**Song of Praise: Gloria – My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ***

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The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The  
The light of Christ has come in - to the world.  
light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.  
The light of Christ has come come.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Light of Christ'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (treble clef). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the last two lines of lyrics, including first and second endings. The lyrics are: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The light of Christ has come in - to the world.', 'light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.', and 'The light of Christ has come come.'

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect for 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 people are seated for the readings.*

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

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. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119: 1-8**

Blessed are those who live a blameless life:

**who follow your law O Lord.**

Blessed are those who obey your instruction:

**and seek you with all their heart.**

They also do no wrong:

**but always walk in your ways.**

You laid down your precepts:

**for us to keep them diligently.**

O that my ways might be steadfast:

**in the keeping of your statutes.**

Then I would not be put to shame:

**when I give heed to all your commandments.**

I will truly thank you from the heart:

**when I learn your just decrees.**

I will keep your statutes:

**O do not utterly forsake me.**

**Gospel Hymn: LEVAS #193 *I Will Trust in the Lord* Verses 1, 4 and 5**

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I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
I'm gonna treat my neigh - bor right, I'm gonna treat my neigh - bor right,  
I'm gonna hold my sav - ior's hand, I'm gonna hold my sav - ior's hand,



I will trust in the Lord 'til I die; I will trust in the Lord,  
I'm gonna treat my neigh - bor right, 'til I die; I'm gonna treat my neigh - bor right,  
I'm gonna hold my sav - ior's hand, 'til I die; I'm gonna hold my sav - ior's hand,



I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die.  
I'm gonna treat my neigh - bor right, I'm gonna treat my neigh - bor right, 'til I die.  
I'm gonna hold my sav - ior's hand, I'm gonna hold my sav - ior's hand, 'til I die.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Matthew 5:21-37**

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. Connie Reinhardt**



## The Creed: *We believe*

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We be - lieve God, our Cre - a - tor makes our world and calls it good,  
We be - lieve God be - came hu - man when the Word em - braced our flesh.  
We be - lieve that Je - sus gave all, dy - ing on a cross for love.  
We be - lieve that Christ in glo - ry comes a - gain to be our judge,  
We be - lieve God is e - ter - nal, Spir - it, Word and Cre - a - tor;



form - ing heav - ens, earth and crea - tures, each a mir - ror of God's love.  
Child of Ma - ry from the Spir - it, Je - sus humb - ly walked on earth.  
Then Christ rose to con - quer all death, and as - cend - ed, One with God.  
re - con - cil - ing with for - give - ness, bring - ing peace to all on earth.  
and the dead are raised to new life, liv - ing in God's end - less love.

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As the prophet Isaiah sang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come," we pray O God that you empower your Church to sing out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's, as we say:

**Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ child, we pray that you send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. We pray especially for refugees and for others caught in the violence of war, as we say: **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray O God that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness, as we say **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world, we pray for all people in need of Christ's blessings and his healing grace, including those who are hungry, those who are cold and lack a safe place to sleep, and those who are out of work. We pray especially for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the guests of the Warm Nights program, and for those served by the Bowie Food Pantry. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

In the spirit of the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth, we pray O God for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and we give thanks for all of the blessings of our lives, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him, we pray O God for those who have answered your call to a new life with you on the other side of death; may they go from strength to strength in your heavenly reign, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers and make us reflections of your light and grace. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

*All pray together* **God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Offertory**

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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## Offertory Hymn: Gather #511 *I Danced in the Morning*

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Danced in the Morning". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first three staves are labeled "Verse 1" and contain the lyrics: "I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; At Beth-le-hem I had my birth." The last two staves are labeled "Refrain" and contain the lyrics: "Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he."

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, But they wouldn't dance, and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on. Refrain
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there to on a cross to die. Refrain
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on. Refrain
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Refrain.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

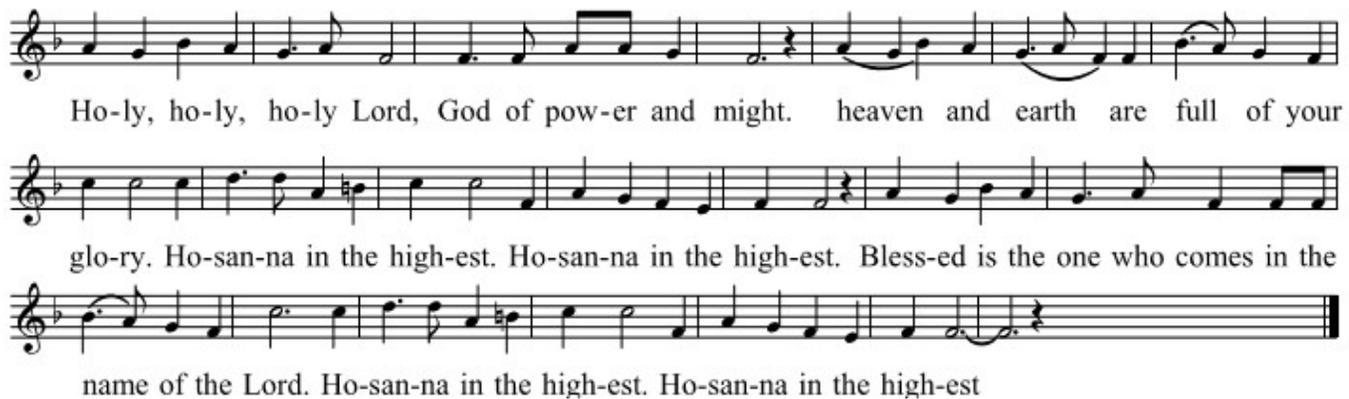
*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

**Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 #S 125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord***

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heaven and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son Jesus.

**Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.**

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore, according to his command O God,

**We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.**

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer – Traditional Version

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we 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,  
and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken and silence is kept*

### Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

*Celebrant:* Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# The Communion

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*



## Communion Hymn 1: Levas #191 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, Why should the shad - ows come,  
"Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der word I hear  
When ev - er I am tempt-ed, When ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly, And long for heav'n and home; When  
And rest - ing on His good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears, Though  
When songs give place to sigh-ing, When hope with - in me dies, I



Je - sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is He; His eye is on the  
by the path He lead-eth, But one step I may see;  
draw the close-er to Him, From care he sets me free;



spar-row, And I know he watch-es me; His eye is on the spar-row, And I



know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm



free; For his eye is on the spar-row, And I know he watch-es me.

## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #19 *Wayfaring Stranger*

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I'm just a poor way - far - ing stran - ger, I'm trav' - ling through this world be -  
I know dark clouds will gath - er o'er me, I know my path - way's rough and  
I want to sing sal - va - tion's sto - ry, In con - cert with the blood - washed  
I'll soon be free from ev - ery tri - al, This form will rest be - neath the



- low; There is no sick - ness, toil, nor dan - ger In that bright  
steep; But gold - en fields lie out be - fore me, Where wea - ry  
band; I want to wear a crown of glo - ry, When I get  
sod; I'll drop the cross of self - de - ni - al, And en - ter



world to which I go. I'm go - ing there to see my fa - ther. I'm go - ing  
eyes no more shall weep. I'm go - ing there to see my mo - ther, She said she'd  
home to that good land. I'm go - ing there to see my bro - thers, They passed be -  
in my home with God. I'm go - ing there to see my Sav - iour, Who shed for



there no more to roam; I'm just a go - ing o - ver Jor - dan, I'm just a go - ing o - ver home.  
meet me when I come;  
- fore me one by one;  
me His pre - cious blood;

## Post- Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **Generous and nourishing God, in word and bread and wine we have celebrated the mysteries of your love: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to assist us with your grace, that we may live as signs of your wonders in the world, loving one another and sharing your light wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Announcements

## The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.  
And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;  
May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;  
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Come, al - might - y to de - li - ver, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: *This Little Light of Mine***