

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

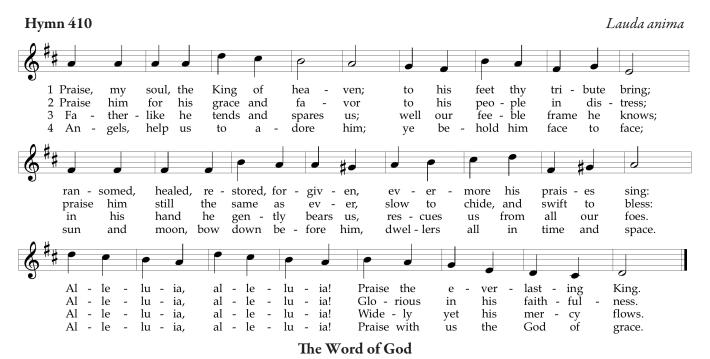
SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



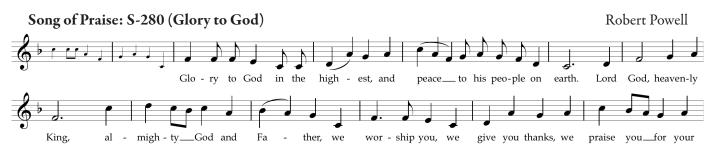
Opening Acclamation

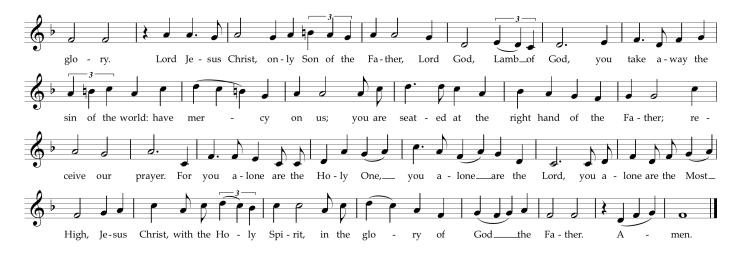
BCP p. 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**





Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 Lessons

A reading from Jeremiah (17:5—10)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 705

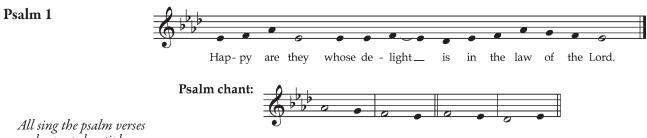
Commentary:

Jeremiah ministered in days of darkness and uncertainty, delivering a highly unpopular message to the people of Judah. They had gone their own way for so long that they viewed following the Mosaic Law as a step backward rather than forward. Jeremiah pointed out the folly of trusting man instead of trusting God, saying that those who trusted in man could expect a dry, unproductive and lonely existence. However, the Lord also announced a blessing on those who trusted in Him, resulting in a fruitful life. Jeremiah reminds us that the human heart is deceitful, we cannot understand our motives and actions, but God knows our deepest thoughts and desires. God gives to each person what is actually deserved. We can have complete confidence in His judgment because it is based on perfect knowledge.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



and repeated antiphon.

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!
Their delight is in the law of the / Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and / night.

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.

It is not so with the / wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows a-/way.

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Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the / righteous, * but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

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A reading from 1 Corinthians (15:12—20)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1050

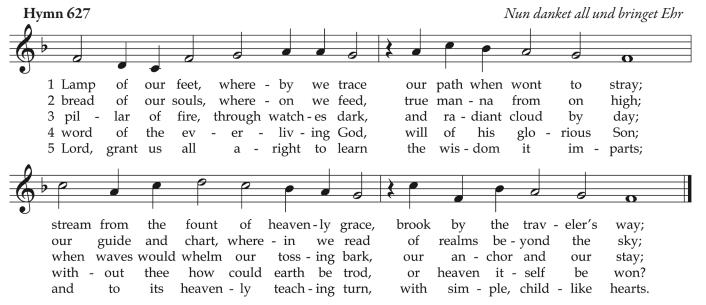
Commentary:

Paul continued to instruct the Corinthians regarding Jesus Christ's, and their own, physical resurrection by highlighting the consequences of rejecting this foundational belief. Paul appealed to logic: if resurrection of the body is impossible, then Christ's resurrection is a fiction. If Christ's resurrection is a fiction, the basis for the apostles' teaching is a lie. If Christians have nothing to hope for on the other side of the grave, the Christian life is an empty shell. Now, having made these points, Paul compared Jesus' resurrection to the firstfruits offered to God, a guarantee that the full crop, consisting of all believers, would inevitably follow.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition: ...Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and 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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Sung by the choir

H. Walford Davies

Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart; And for his cradle and his throne Chooseth the pure in heart.

Old 100th **Presentation Hymn**

> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

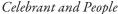
(BCP p. 367)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:





The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

(BCP p. 364)

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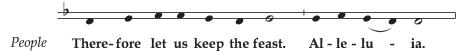
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

The Fraction (S152): Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Cantor



The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

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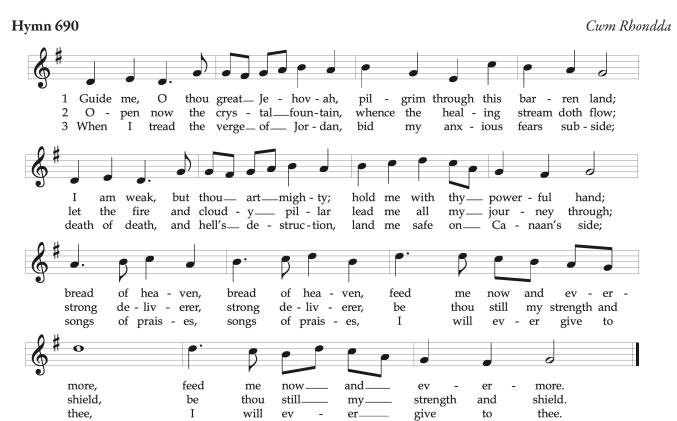
The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Postlude

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Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Ward Hooper, Louise Smallbones Hooper, Joseph Ward Hooper Jr., and Margaret Hooper Turner, Terry Forrest Turner

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., FEB. 14-18

•MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- •SJDS VALENTINES PARTY 9:00 AM | Great Hall
- •SJ FINANCE COMMITTEE 4:00 P.M. | Tatum Parlor
- •SJ VESTRY MTG & DINNER 5:15-8:30 PM | BWR & Great Hall
- •FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY 9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom
- •TUESDAY BOOK CLUB 2:00-4:30 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- •MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- WDAA BASKETBALL PRACTICE 6:30-8:30 PM | Perry Hall Gym

- •SACRED GROUND 7:00-8:30 PM | Zoom
- VOICES OF SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY 7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- •STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 A.M. | SB on S. 17th Street
- •BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- •HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- EPISCO-POSSE LADIES BIBLE STUDY 8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- HALO HOOPS BASKETBALL 4:00-5:30 PM | Perry Hall Gym
- •GREETER TRAINING 5:45-7:15 PM | Great Hall
- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING
 6:00-7:15 PM | Lippitt Room

• CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

NO EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

•SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON 7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- •HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- •ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM 9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
- •FAITH FORMATION 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 11:15 AM | St. James Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

• CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for Presidents' Day

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the Feb. 22nd Digital Grapevine is Feb. 18th. Please use online form to submit.

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