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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock, All Saints' Chapel

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 1 may be found on page 585 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B, may be found on page 367 of the BCP

Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Prelude

Duke Ellington

*Come Sunday, O come Sunday, that's the day!
Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love,
Please look down and see my people through.*

*I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.*

*Heaven is a goodness time. A brighter light on high.
Do unto others as you would have them do to you.
And have a brighter by and by.*

*I believe God is now, was then and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.*

—From 'Black, Brown And Beige'

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP, page 355

Gloria

Hymnal 1982, S 280

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 216

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

First Reading

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Hopson

The refrain is sung by the Cantor and repeated by all



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

Cantor *Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil,
nor walk the road of sinners,
nor join the mockers of God. Refrain*

Cantor *Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God,
for they recite the law, they speak it day and night. Refrain*

Cantor They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters,
they bear their fruit in due season,
their leaves fade not, they prosper. Refrain

Cantor It is not so for all, not so with evildoers,
they blow like chaff in the wind,
they fall by the weight of the truth. Refrain

Cantor God upholds the just, God knows the way of the righteous,
but the evil ones shall perish by their deeds. Refrain

Second Reading

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 656 *Hymnal 1982*

FRANCONIA

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[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 [Jesus] 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

The response is Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and the Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Folk tune, arr. Austin Lovelace

*What shall I render to my God
for all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed
and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace
I will thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace
and to His glory live.
My vows I will to His great name
before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am,
upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord,
I owe to Thee whate'er is mine.
Born in Thy family below,
and by redemption Thine.
Thy hands created me,
Thy hands from sin have set me free,*

*The mercy that hath loosed my bands
hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love
who hath thy sins forgiven,
Till gathered to the church above,
we sing the songs of heaven.*

—Charles Wesley

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Please stand

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 129

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking the Bread

BCP, page 364

Christ our Passover

Hymnal 1982, S 154

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Hymn 325 *Hymnal 1982*

SPIRITUAL

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Give ear to our prayers, O Lord: and grant that we, who have received these heavenly mysteries, may never cease to hunger for the true bread of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing and join in singing the closing hymn (next page)

Hymn

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

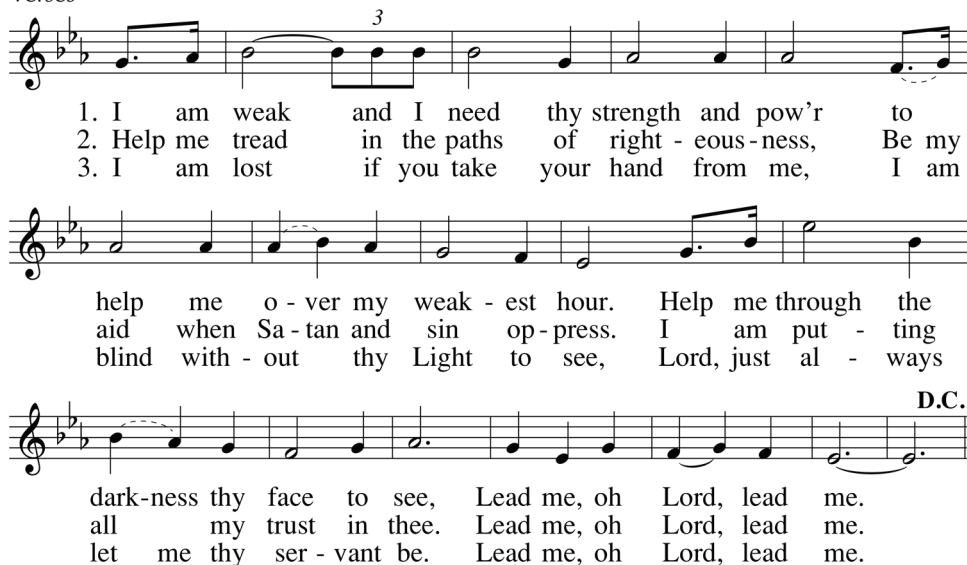
Text and Tune: Doris Akers, 1962

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right-eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o-ver my weak-est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put-ting
blind with-out thy Light to see, Lord, just al-ways
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Blessing and Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary and Procession

This Week's Parish Notices

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Make your pledge online at <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

Join us from 9-9:45 in the Acolyte Room (upstairs in the main church) on Sundays for a challenging, enriching, in-depth, exegetical (analyzing verse-by-verse) study of Paul's "letters" to the Philippians. Reach out to Jonathan Lace (jdlace@icloud.com) for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

Sunday School is on winter break today and classes will resume next week. Thanks to Lyla Wren, Aiden, and Jule who signed up to be ministers at last week's Family Eucharist. The next Family Eucharist will be Sunday, March 16.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY) NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's Superbowl Chili Fundraiser. We had six youth making the chili on Saturday and two youth helping on Sunday handing it out. We made a total of 39 total chili quarts were made and a net profit of \$440; the proceeds will go to the SPY Mission Trip this year. ***Be sure to sign up for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday March 4***, Adults \$10; Kids \$5; Families \$25; RSVP to Christina Doyle (doyle5312@hotmail.com). Reach out to Father Nate (darville@stpetersef.org) to find out how your children can be a part of this exciting ministry.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Help make St. Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a coffee hour host! Coffee hour is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. Please either sign up on the sheet posted in the upper room or contact Reach out to Mary Shearin (973-590-1678 or shearchaos38@gmail.com) to let us know the date you prefer. Thank you so much to Beth Manfre for braving the weather last Sunday and sharing a wonderful spread. *Upcoming schedule for coffee hours: February 16: Liz and Jim Irwin; February 23: the Ramos family; March 2: sponsored by Marge Kisala; March 9: host needed; March 16: Potluck of the Irish*

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Carl, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfe, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Wayne Hill, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Julie Lanning, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Mike, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, Frank Zupa.

ABSALOM JONES SUNDAY

Today we remember the life, ministry, and witness of Blessed Absalom Jones, the first Black man ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. Together with Bishop Richard Allen, they formed the Free African Society, in 1787 the first organized Afro-American society; Jones and Richard Allen were elected overseers. In 1792, the Society began to build a church, which was dedicated on July 17, 1794. In October 1794 the church was admitted as St. Thomas African Episcopal Church (<http://www.aecst.org>) and still thrives to this day. Bishop William White of Pennsylvania ordained Jones as deacon in 1795 and as priest on September 21, 1802. Known as “the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church,” Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God’s instrument.

GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the altar today are given in loving memory of Val Pettit.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Pray for Nicholas Nunno and Robert H. Albrecht who died last week, and for Robin Delehanty whose Memorial Eucharist will be Saturday, February 22 at 10:30 am.

LENT 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY: THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, MARCH 5

Ashes and Holy Eucharist at 7 am, 4 pm, 7 pm

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 9

The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist at 8 am and 4 pm

The Great Litany in Procession and Choral Eucharist at 10 am

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Mosher, Nancy Connor, Diane Waitts
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Copeland, Barbara Lopez
<i>Acolytes</i>	Chris Alliota, Joseph Wohltmann
<i>Readers</i>	Jonathan Lace
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Pat Alliota
<i>Cantors</i>	Meghan Tanella, Kevin Johnson
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

THE VESTRY OF ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Jim Irwin and Mary Shearin, *Wardens*; Christine Albano, David Cowell, Barbara Gargiulo, Erika Grothues, Sarah Latson, Kurt Vonderahe, *Vestry Members*

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