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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME! Today, we read Jesus' words, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." What's so blessed, great about being poor? We'll look at the comfort and the challenge of Jesus. May you experience the grace of God, which "changes everything!"

GUESTS, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

PRELUDE: *The Angelus* by Gordon Young

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#365 vv. 1-3

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia!
where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

Merciful God,

You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with cruelty or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbor; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us Your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair Your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen. (A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below.)

#154



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

Deacon Daneen Pysz

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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

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 is in vain and your faith is 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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

#169

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
(People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-26

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 on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated 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 how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (10am)

Sanctuary Choir

Mallory Bacon (oboe), Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Blest Are They

#728 vv. 1-4

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!**

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: "*What's So Blessed About Being Poor?*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Church Sonata KV336 in C Major* by Mozart

Mallory Bacon, oboe

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (sing 2x)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Repeat)

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Repeat)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace,
**Your love reaches to the heavens and Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless
what we offer to Your service; our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow
with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a minister.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) #195

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Here Is Bread #483

**Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**

Refrain: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)**

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain.)**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #803

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING, BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: I Know that My Redeemer Live #619 vv. 1-2,8

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his Church in love.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Communion: John Adams & Kathy Martino; Lector: Craig Collins; Ushers: Richard Carlson & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller
10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Jim St. Martin & Karen Ungerman; Lector: Pearl Zimmerman; Ushers: John Cummings & Margaret Dean; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart
5pm: Communion & Lector: Donna Sandidge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by John & Kristina Mayfield in celebration of their wedding anniversary!

ART INSTALLATION is hanging down the center aisle. *Following Yonder Stars* is comprised of 1,197 stars and depicts several people's journeys to Jesus. Thanks to the art ministry!

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (March 7-9), Carpool over on Friday (5:45am), two ball games, great fellowship, return Sunday. Includes tickets, rooms, breakfasts. Brief meeting today, 9:30am at the Outdoor Fountain. This trip is now full. Make plans to come next year, March 6-8, 2026!

LETTERPRESS WORKSHOP - February 27, 9-11:30am at Concordia University in Irvine. Join the Art Ministry for a printmaking workshop led by Rachele Chuang. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

ROPE BASKET WORKSHOP - February 21 & 28 from 1-2pm in Bankson Hall. Join the Art Ministry for a 2-part workshop on weaving a rope basket, led by Kelly Bridge. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

UKRAINIAN MARKET at Gloria Dei on Saturday, February 22, 3pm-6pm: Local Ukrainian artisans have prepared various treats, souvenirs, decorations, etc. Admission is free! This is to honor those serving in the war.

GRIEF HEALING GROUP - Begins again starting February 20 at 1pm in Knudson Hall. The group meets weekly on Thursday. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Barbara Mesa on March 1, 10am at Gloria Dei. Light refreshments following.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY invites people of all ages to join, the first Saturday of the month, 9am, Knudson Hall. They meet next on March 1. Experienced knitters to help with this wonderful ministry. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like information, call the office.

LUNCH & LEARN (L&L) - Celebrating Life Community Health Center presents their ministry to under-served groups in OC. Bankson Hall, Sunday, March 2, 11:30am. Sign up. Welcome to Karina Zylstra from CLCHC who will bring a greeting this morning.

SEASON OF LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 with 3 opportunities to receive imposition of ashes: 8am Drive by; 12pm Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary; 7pm Worship in Bankson Hall. (Soup supper begins at 6pm in Bankson Hall.). Lenten Offering boxes available at the Welcome Table. This year offerings will go to Disaster Response (Wildfires) and World Central Kitchen.

FIRST COMMUNION preparation for children is 3 consecutive Wednesdays at 5:15pm: March 12, 19 & 26. Each child & a parent or grandparent meet with Pastor David in the Sanctuary. First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday. Sign-up.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP will be every Wednesday at 6pm with Lenten worship at 6:30pm from March 12 - April 9. If you want to bring soup to share, sign up at the Welcome Table.

LOS ANGELOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Sat., March 15, 7am - 7pm. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Table. Passport required. If you can't attend, but want to help, contact Eric Houser for donation ideas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 16 - 22, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Spring Training Retreat Meeting (9:30am); Confirmation (11:15am)

Monday: RIOT(Reading Is Our Thing) Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); GIFT (Giving Is Our Thing) Group (10am); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Dana Hills Baja Planning Meeting (6pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing Group (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Handbells (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon Meeting (10am); Rope Basket Workshop Part 1 (1pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian Anniversary Event (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Mirabell Trio Concert (April 5)
- Women's Tea (April 26)
- Blood Drive (May 7)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19)

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