



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 2022

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

Prelude: Allegretto theme from Symphony #7 (Beethoven)

Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. **R**

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **R**

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love **R**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Gloria

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth,
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth,
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done yours be the glory, O God, yours alone

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth
Ours the rejoicing, for spirits aflame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done yours be the glory, O God, yours alone

Celebrant: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Children's Talk: The Tree Song (Jessica Heine on guitar)

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky growing tall and strong
How do you grow so tall and strong? I said to the riverside tree,
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me. **R**

Refrain:

I've got roots going down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit that I bear is a sign of life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven,
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be . . .
A strong, strong tree.

I saw a tree in the city street, where buildings blocked the sun,
Green and lovely I could see, it gave joy to everyone.
How do you grow in the city streets? I said to the downtown tree,
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me. **R**

Looking around me frustrated one I see, in bondage and seeking to be free
From palace to ghetto, the searching hearts cry out, aching with fear and with doubt
But who can they turn to when no one seems to care, where can they find relief
Jesus Christ is the fountain of life so free. **R**

Deep River (BJ Bussiere flute soloist)

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament 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.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul." **R**

Refrain:

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. **R**

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **R**

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. **R**

New Testament 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.

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

Gradual Hymn: How Blessed Are You The Poor (Taize)

How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (6:17-26)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 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."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon

The Reverend Martin Garber-Conrad

Reflection: Hey, My Love (Iona/John Bell)

Blessed are the ones I call the poor (hey my love and hey my joy);
blessed are the ones I call the poor who dearly love me;

Blessed are the ones I call the poor, God shall their kingdom's place ensure:
His kingdom is of heaven, of earth, of fire, of love.

Blessed are the ones who deeply mourn,
Blessed are the ones who deeply mourn, God's comfort in their hearts is known.

Blessed are the ones who know their need,
Blessed are the ones who know their need, in them God's promises take seed.

Blessed are the ones who work for peace,
Blessed are the ones who work for peace, as God's own children they'll increase.

Blessed are the ones the world puts down,
Blessed are the ones the world puts down, they'll have the Kingdom for their crown.

The Apostle's Creed

All: 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.

Intercessions

In our prayers this morning, let us respond to each petition with “**It is well, it is well with my soul**” (from When Peace Like a River)

Leader: We pray for our Annual General meeting following our service this morning. We ask your blessing on Sue, our Rector, and on all who serve in our parish, giving thanks for those whose terms are ending, and praying for wisdom, strength, and creativity for all who continue to serve or begin to serve in new roles this morning. Inspire all those who are seeking ways to serve you in this place.

All: It is well, it is well with my soul

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that our parish may be like a tree planted by flowing waters. May its branches overspread us, offering rest, peace, and hope to people in our neighbourhood, and strength and life to all the faithful in our Diocese.

All: It is well, it is well with my soul

Leader: Deepen our faith in the awesome power of Christ's resurrection. Help us to bear witness to the risen Lord in faithful service in this cherished place of worship, and in the many different places we may enter in the coming week.

All: It is well, it is well with my soul

Leader: We ask for your presence and blessing for the sick and suffering, and for those who live in fear from violence, anxiety from illness, or stress from the challenges of daily living. We pray for those for whom we have been asked to pray, especially:... And we pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn, remembering:...

All: It is well, it is well with my soul

Celebrant: Eternal God, we offer our prayers in the name of the one in whose service we find perfect freedom, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence for reflection.

Celebrant: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;

All: in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen, forever, Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Collect

Celebrant: 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 Blessing

Closing Hymn: #466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.

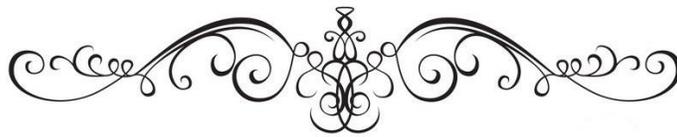
But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We mark your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.

Postlude: Joy' theme from Symphony #9 (Beethoven) (arr. Cindy Berry)

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.



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