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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023

*Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
who has revealed these things to the simple.*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Preacher:	The Reverend Armand Mercier
Crucifer:	Keith Spencer
Reader:	Kathy Besuyen
Chalice Administrators:	Dan and Linda Domanski and Keith Spencer
Prayer Scribe:	Emily Moen
Sidespersons:	Margie King and Tom Collier
Organist:	Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts:	Shirley Edwards and Emily Moen

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
our parents Howard and Dorothy Singleton and Harry and Margaret Walker
from Ken and Marg Singleton.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: #418 Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain:

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no
one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

God the stillpoint of circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **R**

The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

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

People: 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.

#702 Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **R**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen **R**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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.**

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, 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 quarrelling 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 labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gradual Hymn: #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain:

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow give us peace
beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace
and gladness. Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love. **R**

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. **R**

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way
of healing. Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. **R**

Refrain:

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow give us peace
beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew (5:21-37).

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; 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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Sermon:

The Reverend Armand Mercier

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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

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 Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #312 Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Refrain:

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia**

Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound. **R**

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. **R**

Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. **R**

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now

with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#722 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord, God of power and might
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

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

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

#745 Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Communion

Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn: #569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Prayer after Communion

(Remain standing)

Celebrant: God of tender care,

All: in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #460 Lord, The Light of Your Love Is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness,
shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us, shine on me, shine on me. **R**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows
into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness, shine on me, shine on me. **R**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives
tell your story, shine on me, shine on me. **R**

Postlude:

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

This week we pray for: Diocese of Qu'Appelle: the Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop.
Diocese of Edmonton outreach ministries: Bleeding Heart Art Space; PrayerWorks
Common; the intentional Christian community of Ascension House. Buyé Diocese,
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Announcements



Today! February 12th, 2023 please join us in the parish hall for our Annual General Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of 2022 and to determine the budget for 2023. All baptized parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and who attend services of worship regularly at Christ Church or who receive the administrations of the clergy of the parish and who have not voted at an Annual Meeting of parishioners of any other parish this year are entitled to vote.

Community Dinner

Eight volunteers are needed to help with serving and cleaning up after our Community Dinner on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The time commitment would be 4:30pm to 6:30pm. If you can help at this vital ministry for those who are experiencing food insecurity and isolation in our community, please email Ron Norton ranortonyeg@gmail.com.



Sacramental Preparation

We will be offering classes for the following age groups this winter/spring:
Children 6-9 years old: Life in the Eucharist
Youth 10-14 years old: Confirmation
Please contact Rev. Armand at armand@christchurchedm.ca to sign up and/or with any questions.



Ash Wednesday February 22nd

12 noon BCP Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes

7:00 pm BAS Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes.

2023 Lenten Learning and Fellowship

Tuesday, February 21st at 5pm is the annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We will be serving our delicious pancakes, including gluten free, with ham, sausages, and our famous blueberry sauce. Please join us for pancakes and fellowship – bring your family and friends along. Thanks to the Men's Group for co-ordinating and serving the dinner.



Saturday, March 4 at 10am

Join us at Grovenor Skating Rink for games, skating, activities, and adventures.

Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm

Join us for an evening of learning and conversation:
A Conversation about Courageous Community

Friday, March 17 at 5pm

Bring your favourite dish and come out for an all ages evening of fun and fellowship for our St. Patrick's Day Day Potluck.



Sunday, March 26 at 4pm

Bring a snack to share and your favourite game to play. From cribbage to bridge, from Scrabble to Scattergoires, we will have something for everyone! Let's get together and play at Parish Game Night.

Tuesdays in Lent starting on March 14 at 7pm

Join us via Zoom as Archdeacon Sue leads a series on Bonhoeffer's seminal book, *Life Together: The Classic Explanation of Life Together in Community*. Please email the parish office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) to register and receive the link to this intentional learning and sharing experience.

Thursdays in Lent starting March 2 at 7pm

The COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have starkly reminded us of the realities that threaten our future of the planet. Christian faith is not a way of escaping these realities, but of engaging them in the struggle for justice and peace—motivated by love, enabled by faith and sustained by hope.

We will be exploring these ideas together through a study of the book, *Faith Facing Reality: Stirring Up Discussion with Bonhoeffer*. This series will be led by Dr. Stephen Martin and will take place in person at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church. To register, please email the church office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) by Feb. 24. The cost of the registration is \$40 and will cover the cost of the book. Space is limited to 15 people. Funding available to cover the cost of registration if needed.

There will be a screening of a movie about the life of Bonhoeffer on Sunday, February 26 in the afternoon for those interested.

Save the Date

Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir Performances

- March 5: Holy Trinity (Old Strathcona) morning worship
- April 2 (Palm Sunday): St. Faith's morning worship
- April 30: Spring Concert at All Saint's Cathedral in the evening

Messy Church

- May 12 at 5pm at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

The First Annual Christ Church Pentecost Parish Olympics

- Sunday May 28 after services

The Christ Church Picnics at Camp Van Es

- Sunday, June 25 (Summer Kick Off)
- Sunday, September 3 (Summer Wrap Up)

Christ Church Vacation Bible School

- August 28 to September 1 (8:30am to 3:30pm)