

Psalm 1:3

You will be like a tree,

firmly planted by streams
of water

You will yield your fruit in season;
*your leaves will not wither;
and whatever you do will*

Prosper

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Introduction

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

Prelude

“When the Poor Ones” (based on ELW #725)

arr. Ronald A. Nelson

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

.....Silence is kept for reflection.....

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**

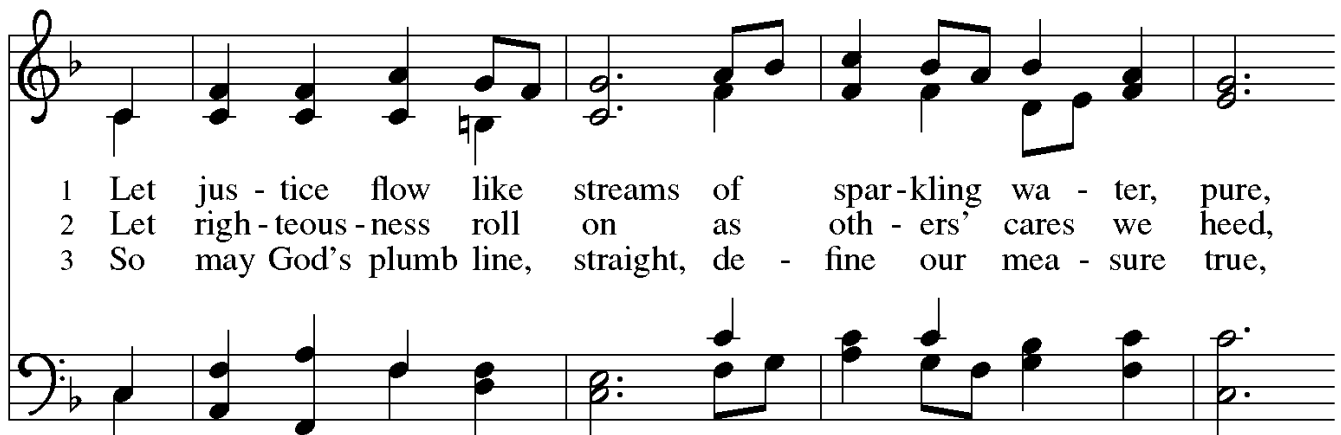
Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news:
 In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
 You are descendants of the Most High,
 adopted into the household of Christ,
 and inheritors of eternal life.
 Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

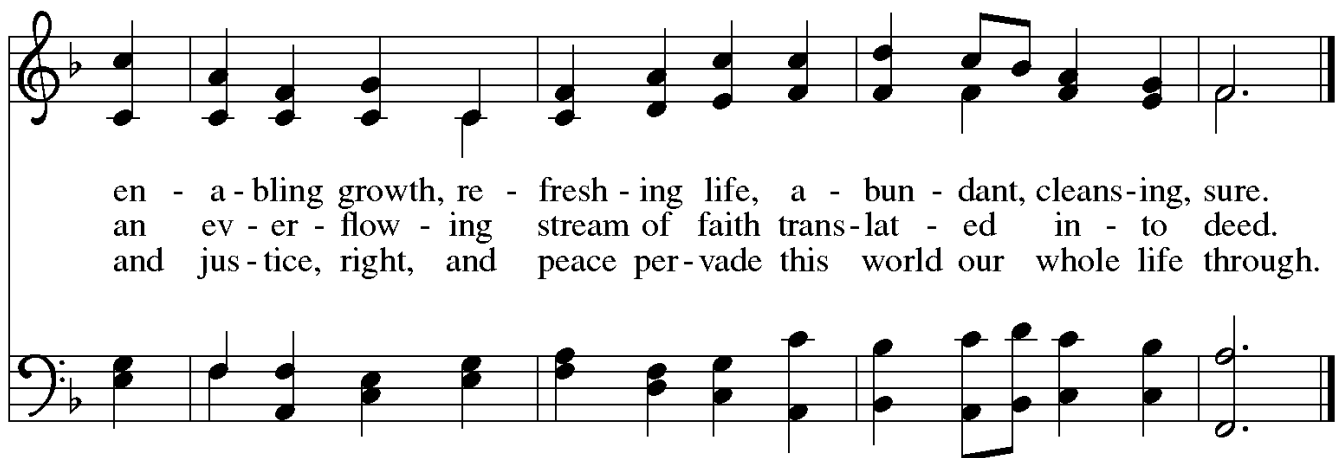
C: Amen.

Hymn ELW# 717 vs. 1,2,3

Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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Greeting

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

C: **And also, with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: **Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They 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.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They 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.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy 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!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We 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. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

P: "Word of God, word of life,"

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter 17-26

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] 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. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice 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. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“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. ²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. *(Please be seated)*

Sermon

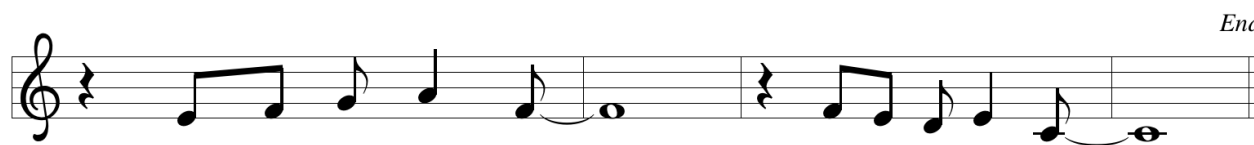
Intern Per Halaas

Hymn of the Day ELW# 801 sung 2x

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Offering

Offering Hymn "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

arr. Carol Wahl

Offering Prayer

**P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.**

C: Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW# 668 vs. 1,2,3

O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Welch, 1837-1901

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

..... *We invite the congregation to remain seated to enjoy the postlude*

Postlude

“O Zion, Haste”

arr. Jacob B. Weber

Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

Seminarian: Intern, Per Halaas

Organist/Pianist: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Barbara Schmidt and Jim Persoon

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Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends: Clair and Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Ron Hanson, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge and Gerry Schaber.



TOOL KIT for congregational leaders

Registration is Open!

Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders

Saturday, Feb. 26 - 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. |

Prince of Peace, Burnsville

Registration is open for lay leaders, ministry volunteers and church staff! Tool Kit is a wonderful opportunity to hear from experts in a variety of areas related to congregational life and to hear experiences and perspectives from people in other congregations.

This year's Tool Kit will feature two rounds of workshops that cover a variety of areas related to congregational life: gift-oriented ministry; young adult ministry, leadership skills; storytelling, global partnerships and much more. **View the full list of workshops and presenters.** There are even special sessions for congregational presidents/vice presidents and treasurers! There's no cost to attend so encourage all of your leaders to join us.

Learn more and register.

Go to the St Paul Area Synod to register for the tool kit. No cost to anyone attending.

February Birthdays

- 3 Barb Watters
- 4 David Almquist
- 8 Elaine Rohrbach
- 9 Carol Krauze
- 12 Shirley Johnson
- 17 Carol Brockway
- 20 Deb Perry
- 21 Debra Gray
- 25 Jackie Staples
- 29 Ken Rossow

Anniversaries

- 22 Jan and David Kowitz 47 years