

Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, Parish
The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany:
Morning Prayer Rite II, Sunday February 13, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM

(Recorded Service) Welcome to our worship online during the COVID-19 pandemic season. We are grateful to God for keeping us alive, for the blessings of life, for the privilege of worship and fellowship with others. We gather with all who are seeking for meaning and comfort in this strange and challenging time. We offer healing prayers to God especially for Dan Anwuri, Nelson Greene Jr., Katie Clybourne, Gwen Black, Harriet King Duncan, Saunders Miller, Denise Brown, Lelia Crowders, John Lewis; John Schnick, John Schnick Jr. We pray for Donna Ramsey, who have died and is resting at the bosom of the Lord. We offer thanksgiving prayer for our spiritual leaders, for President Biden and leaders of nations. We welcome all who are worshipping with us for the first time.

The service is printed in this bulletin and can also be found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 76.

Hymn: [Savior Do Not Pass Me By](#) **Hymnal 1982 #**

Opening Sentences:

Happy 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!

Officiant *The Lord be with you.*
People **And with your Spirit**

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His Holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence

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Officiant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors 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.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Liturgy of The Word

First Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10

Nadine Goff

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

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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.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 1

Nicole Livas

- ¹ Happy 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 his law day and night.
- ³ They 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.
- ⁵ Therefore 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 is doomed.

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Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Barbara Wells

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.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: **Christ is Made The Sure Foundation**

Hymnal 1982 #518

[Christ the Sure Foundation](#)

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Prof Lelia Crowders

¹⁷He 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. 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

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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.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon:

Dr. Ernest Ogbozor

Officiant and People together

The Apostles' Creed

**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, and the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also, with you.**

Suffrages A

Dr. Cosette Livas

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

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- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Pray for Those in the Parish Prayer List

Paula Price

A Collect Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Cris Abad

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

Thomas Jones

O God, you make us glad about the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Collect of the Day

Angela King

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

Megan Patterson

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Joseph Royster

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Dolores Johnson

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Milad Abedi

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares

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and occupations of our life we may not forget you but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection

Chuck Crowders

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass-through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Poor and the Neglected

Prof Lelia Crowders

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Oppressed

Gloria Ward-Lewis

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Cities of the Earth

Angela Patterson

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice,

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and oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Clergy and People

Denise Brown

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops (Susan, Brooke, Porter), our rector Fr. Asonye and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for mission

Michael Brown

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn Praise to the Lord! the Almighty

Hymnal #390

[Praise to the Lord, the Almighty](#)

Officiant and People

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

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**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia, let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Benediction:

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

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Now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your minds in the knowledge and the love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Adult Forum “Ministry Story”

Stewardship Committee

Prayer for our Country

Officiant and People

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional:

No Recessional

Hymnal

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Important Announcement:

Gloria Ward-Lewis

Thank you to our able 2022 Stewardship Committee Members: Deborah Daniel, Angela Patterson, Denise Brown, Nadine Goff.

- 2022 Annual Meeting – Thank you to all who participate.
- **NO Vestry Meeting, Monday 02/14/2022@ 7pm**
- Wednesday Worship and Bible Study 02/16/2022 @7PM.
- Holy Communion Sunday 02/27/2022 @ 10 AM

Technology Wish List: What we Need

- TV Screen – Donated by Alan Capute
- Desktop Computer Ordered and to be delivered.

Holy Communion Elements are available for home.

Please call the Church office 703-549-1334 for supplies.

- Our focus is to repair the Air Conditioner for the second floor.
- Thank you ALL for your pledge, offering and donations. May God continue to bless you abundantly in Jesus Name – Amen.