

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Focus

**This is Jesus – First Sermon, Part 1:
Plain Talk about Blessings and Woes**



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OPENING HYMN

475 - The Man Is Ever Blest



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the
2 But makes the law of God His stud - y
3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters
4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such
5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that



sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels
and de - light A - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf his
bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like
judg - ment seat Where all the saints at



nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,
of the day And watch - es of the night.
name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.
Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves
The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

INVOCATION

Minister

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation

A - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

ABSOLUTION

- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The key signature is one flat (Bb).

- M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

A Sweet, Sweet Sound
Words and music by Stephen Bautista

*there's a sound rising up through the air
drowning out the bitter cry of despair
bellowing over the voice of fear
it's the sound of hope*

*resonating out where the hurting are
it echoes through the walls a broken heart
penetrating down through the deepest scar
it's the sound of hope*

Chorus

*it's the sweet sweet sound of a sinner's praise
when their wayward soul is found
as they sing a song of amazing grace
all their voices rise
in a sweet sweet sound*

*it wells up to the tops of cathedral halls
reverberating out through chapel walls
ringing in the streets like a distant call
it's the sound of hope*

*it beckons to the hearts of a world in need
telling them the story of the redeemed
proclaiming that Jesus has set them free
it's the sound of hope*

Chorus

Bridge

*a sweet sweet sound... a sweet sweet sound... it's a sweet sweet sound
when we sing our praises in the name of Jesus and our hallelujahs ring
in a sweet sweet sound... a sweet sweet sound*

Chorus (2x)

amazing grace, how sweet the sound

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord wishes to bless all people through his nourishing grace. However, when people remove themselves from the Lord, they do not enjoy his blessings.

JEREMIAH 17:5 This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who depends on flesh for his strength
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ He will be like a bush in the wastelands;
he will not see prosperity when it comes.
He will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ “But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

⁸ He will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

ANTHEM

Here I Will Rest in Christ

words & music by Stephen Bautista

*Lost and afraid, laden with doubt
On the wrong path with no clear way out
Stranded within a valley of dry bones
Withered and parched, yearning for rain
Longing to quench the deep thirst that came
From the fierce fire raging in my soul*

Chorus

*Then came relief in the shadow of the cross
Where I could drink from the hands with nail-shaped scars
Healed by his wounds, restored by his stripes
Here I will rest in Christ*

*There on my plight, He saw my great need
Came down to hold me under his wing
Shielding me from an unrelenting flame
He breathed new life in this barren soul
Renewing my strength and making me whole
But not without cost; one only he could pay*

Chorus

Instrumental

Chorus

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Only through Christ could the curse of death be changed into a blessing.

¹ CORINTHIANS 15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

In his “Sermon on the Plain” Jesus speaks both blessings and woes.

LUKE 6:17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

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

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

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

²² Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

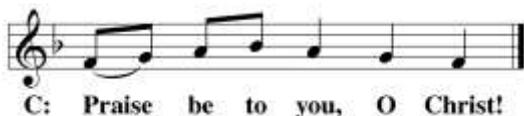
²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when all men speak well of you,
for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SENIOR CHOIR HYMN

763 - Jesus Sat With His Disciples

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The choir will sing the first 2 verses. The congregation is invited to join on the 3rd verse.

*Jesus sat with his disciples
On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered
He began to teach and say:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
Heaven’s kingdom they will share.
Blessed are the sad and mourning,
Joy and comfort will be theirs.*

*“Blessed are the meek and humble,
All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy,
They are bless’d and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessed,
Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessed,
They have eyes for God alone.*

**“Blessed are God’s sons and daughters,
Making peace where there is strife.
Blessed are the persecuted,
Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven,
In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share my suffering,
And rejoice to know my love.”**

SERMON

Luke 6:17-26

Take Jesus’ Life Challenge

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Ha La Lelujah

words & music by Stephen Bautista

*From heav'n God looked down
And saw our broken lives shattered on the ground
Then he answered the call
To pick up the pieces from our great fall
He came in humbled state
A little below the angels he made
To a place dark and cold
To fulfill the promise made long ago*

Chorus

*And we sing hallelujah to the newborn king
The bright star of heav'n, the hope of the redeemed
Lift up your voice and let it ring
Singing hallelujah to the newborn king
Ha la la la la lelujah, Ha la la la la lelujah*

*Shepherds gathered there
Underneath a bright star shone in the air
Wise men bearing gifts
Stood in awe and wonder gazing at him
They saw the tiny hands
That one day would be pierced for the sins of man
They looked at little feet
That someday he'd stand on in sweet victory*

Chorus

*Now we're safe and secure
Spared from the harsh fate we all deserve
Because God surely came
On a cold, starry night as a tiny babe*

Chorus (2x)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As the prophet reminds us, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. So do we come this day with the concerns of our hearts and our prayers on behalf of all as they have need.

Brief silence

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You hold in Your hand all the might of man and though we struggle against the enemies of Your will, You have promised to make all things work together for Your purpose. Bless our nation and those who lead us — our president, Congress, judges and magistrates — and enlighten them with Your Word, so that they would work in accordance with Your will and for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You sent Your Son that we might have healing through His wounds. Be with the sick, the hospitalized, the elderly, the infirm, the dying and the troubled in mind or heart [*especially Your servants _____*]. Help them to know Your presence and Your peace in their afflictions, and grant them healing and relief as You will. Teach them contentment of heart, and keep them in faith to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are the blessed and chosen people of Your grace and favor. You have called us by Your Word and gathered us by Your Spirit before this altar. Grant to us repentance and faith, that we may receive this Sacrament for our benefit and so be transformed by this blessed communion and be made more Christ-like in faith and service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though now we weep in the face of death, we rejoice to know the power of Christ and His resurrection. In this hope, we commend to You all the faithful who have died in Your faith and fear. Bring us with those who have fallen asleep in Christ to that blessed day when the dead shall be raised, when sin shall no more accuse, when death shall no more grieve and when we will live in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, blessed Father, and those things You know we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of and because of the merits of Jesus Christ alone, with whom You live and reign, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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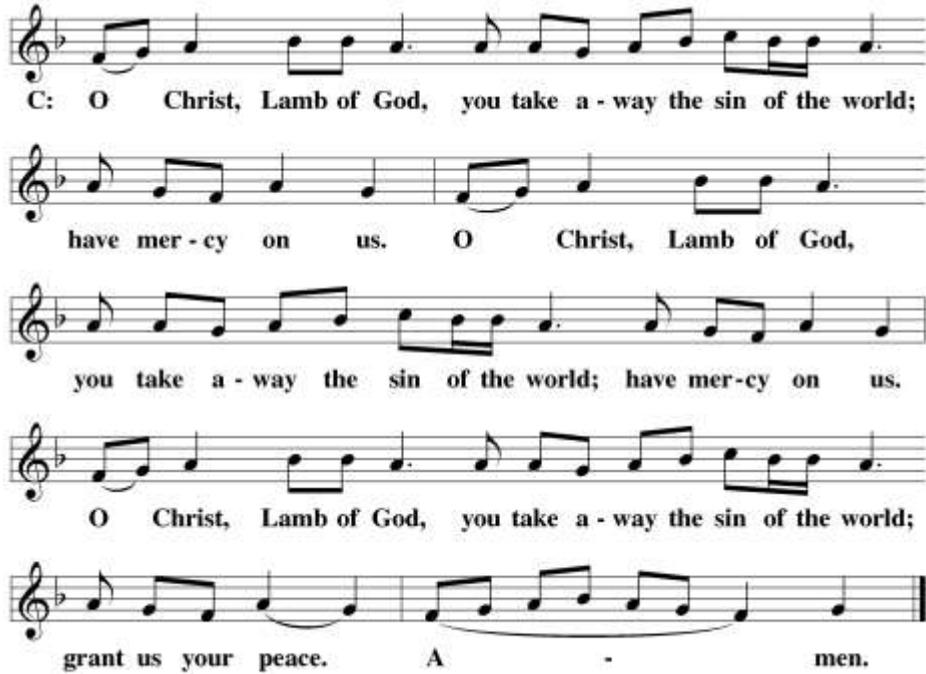
M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

The Most Beautiful Thing

words & music by Stephen Bautista

*The warm subtle hues of a delicate bloom
And a song bird that greets the new morning
A cascading stream flowing through fields of green
And the mountains that rise up before them
In oh so many ways
The beauty of life has shined on my face
And yet I know of one thing
That surpasses by far the beauty I've seen*

Chorus

*The most beautiful thing I know
Is the cross with a Savior who died for us all
And the blood that flowed
From His hands and feet
And the wounds He bore
So that we'd be redeemed
This is the most beautiful thing*

*I've stood on the edge of a grand precipice
Overwhelmed by the span of creation
Then sat teary eyed while the sun paints the sky
As it settles beyond the horizon
And I'm still so amazed
At the beauty that life has shined on my face
But one thing stands alone
Unrivaled and incomparable*

Chorus

*And I'm still so amazed
At the beauty that life has shined on my face
But one thing stands alone
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Chorus

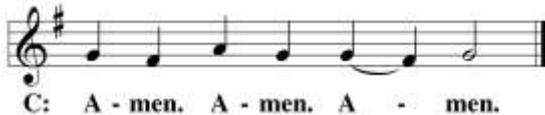
THANKSGIVING

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Jesus
loves
me

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

*original by Anna Warner, William Bradbury
bridge by Stephen Bautista*

*Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.*

Chorus

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so*

*Jesus loves me this I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."*

Chorus

*Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He has washed away my sin,
Let His little child come in.*

Chorus

Bridge (original)

*It tells me of his grace,
And of sins erased,
How he restored my soul,
How he calls me his own
This I know for the Bible tells me so*

*Jesus loves me! He will stay,
close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I will see.*

Chorus (2x)

Blessed



mourn comforted earth
reward merciful spirit utter
thirst peacemakers heart
way pure prophets
children revile
persecute
hunger people
filled God glad
receive persecuted
Rejoice kingdom
evil meek heaven
inherit falsely mercy
righteousness
poor account
great called kinds
see sake