

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025

The Entrance Rite

Prelude *Deep River* Spiritual

Opening Hymn Hymnal #423

Opening Sentences Page 78

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Confession of Sin Page 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
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 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.**

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

People: **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

(All stand)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

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

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

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

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All: **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm

Psalm 1

- 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.

The Gloria

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All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5 - 10

Lector: A Reading from Jeremiah.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13

A Song of Praise

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All: **Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15: 12 - 20

Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians:

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21

You are God

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All: **You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Office Hymn

Hymnal #296

The Third Lesson

Luke 6: 17 - 26

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles 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."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Douglas Lohnas

The Apostles' Creed

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**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.**

Offertory

Sun Don't Set in the Mornin'

Althouse

Doxology

V.3, Hymnal #380

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Suffrages:

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

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Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

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Officiant: O God, you make us glad with 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.

People: **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

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Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People Form IV

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Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Today we pray especially for the [Church of Bangladesh in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#). We pray also for our church leaders: the Church of England and the Anglican Communion and for the discernment of the Crown Nomination Committee; Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; Jeremiah Williamson, Bishop of Albany: and Douglas Lohnas, our officiant.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald Trump, President of the United States; Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York; and Gary McCarthy, Mayor of Schenectady.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give life and health to our church and community, and call and inspire the priest who will serve as our rector

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit including all in our church family prayer list. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which

we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord

People: **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

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

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All: **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.**

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #537

Postlude:

Toccata in A major

Buxtehude

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Our Intercessions
for the week of February 16, 2025

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh.

Our Leaders: Donald Trump, President of the United States; Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York; and Gary McCarthy, Mayor of Schenectady.

Our Church Leaders: Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; Jeremiah Williamson, Bishop of Albany; and Dr. Douglas Lohnas, our Officiant and Preacher.

The Church of England and the Anglican Communion, and for discernment of members of the Crown Nomination Commission.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in need of strength and healing: Mary Ann Harrington, Marilyn Causey, Vincent Avila, Peter Nelson, Basil Dewdney, Austin Spang, Katherine Webber, Don Regula, Chris Morin, Marshall Cohen, Helen Perkins, Perrin, Denise Crates, William O., Mtr. Sally Heiligman, Diana Belardo, Linda, Ann M., Joyce C., Billy K., Lee H., Tomaso, and Millie G.

For all those abused as young people while under the care of church and other institutions, that they will find justice and healing.

For all public employees that they may continue their work for justice, peace, and the common good, and for all those who live in fear.

For those in the Military: Zachary.

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Announcements
February 16, 2025

Serving Today: Officiant: Douglas Lohnas

Altar Guild:	Doreen May
Greeters:	Marilyn Humphrey Doreen May
Crucifer:	George Woodzell
Lector:	Dave Crates
Intercessor:	Linda Emaelaf
Counter:	Judy Versocki
Coffee Hour:	Christopher & Kristan Pink

Today's Altar flowers are given by Linda and Belachew Emaelaf in honor of the birthdays of Sophia and Sara Zamora.

Today's prelude, "Deep River", is a spiritual popularized by Henry Burleigh (1866-1949), an African-American singer and composer. He was a soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City for more than 50 years. While Mr. Burleigh was a student at the National Conservatory of Music, he introduced traditional African-American music to the school's director, Antonín Dvořák, who used some of these themes in his most famous compositions.

Service Committee will meet today after the service. If you are interested in helping to plan our outreach, please join us.

Donations for Sycamore Collaborative: For February, we are collecting spices and seasonings.

Mark your calendars! Don't miss the traditional Pancake Supper from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, in the Parish Hall, marking the last time for festivities before Lent begins on Wednesday. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes (gluten free available), sausages, applesauce and beverages. This year, instead of charging per person/family for the meal, we will be requesting a freewill offering. Bring your family, your friends, and your appetite! Volunteers are needed to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Palms: Please bring in last year's palms before Ash Wednesday, March 5.

MoonBee, 4/5, 10 a.m.-Noon. St. Stephen's is hosting another MoonBee for The Mooncatchers Project, an organization whose mission is to optimize girls' lives world-wide by removing barriers related to menstruation. This is a community event where individuals come together for two hours to help create MoonCatcher Kits. Bring your sewing machine if you have one. Even if you can't sew, you can participate. There are useful jobs for everyone! Questions: Ask Richey Woodzell.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

At St. Stephen's

Monday, 2/17, 7:00 p.m.: Worship Committee meeting.

Wednesday, 2/19, 7:00 p.m.: Bell Choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 2/20, 7:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Sunday, 2/23, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

Pastoral Care Committee meeting in the teen lounge following the service.

Tuesday, 3/4, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Pancake Supper.

Saturday, 4/5, 10:00 a.m.: MoonBee for the MoonCatcher Project in Begley Hall.