ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH
February 16th, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist & Anointing -10:00 am
Celebrant and Homilist Ven. John E. Anderson
Officiant Rev. Carol Hardie
Director of Music: Jeff Campbell

Organ Prelude:

Opening Hymn #388 (CP) "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
Austria

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."
May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."
May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

Almighty God, **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.**

Gathering Hymn "How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place"
arr. Paul A. Tate

Refrain *Congregation & Choir*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God! How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God!

V1 *Christina Bosco*
My soul is thirsting for the Lord, how it yearns for the courts of the Lord. My heart and soul ring out for joy to God, the living God!

Refrain *Congregation & Choir*

V2 *Alan Cooper*
The sparrow finds herself a home and the swallow a nest for her brood. She lays her young by your altars, Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Refrain *Congregation & Choir*

V3 *Christina Bosco & Alan Cooper*
One day, O Lord, within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the house of the wicked.

Refrain *Congregation & Choir*

Gathering Prayer

God, you root those who trust in you by streams of healing water. Release us from the bonds of disease, free us from the power of evil, and turn us from falsehood and illusion, so that we may find the blessing of new life in you through the power of Christ. **Amen.** Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 17.5-10 pg. 751

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 pg. 1116

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The Gospel Luke 6.17-26

Before Gospel #8 (CP) "Awake, My Soul" *Morning Hymn*
Verses 1 & 2

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He 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. 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 on 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.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Gospel #8 (CP) "Awake, My Soul" *Morning Hymn*
Verses 3 & 4

Homily Archdeacon John

Solo "People Need the Lord" *arr. Mary McDonald*

Christina Bosco; Soloist

Presentation of Lay-Anointer Licenses *Rev. Carol Hardie*

Beloved people of God, in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the ministry of Lay Anointer for which Mae, Beth, Christine, Lynda, Kate and Sylvia have offered themselves. They have received the required instruction and today will receive a licence by our Bishop Riscylla.

Mae, Beth, Christine, Lynda, Kate and Sylvia, you have been called to this ministry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

I will
(For the congregation)

Will you uphold these members in the lay anointer ministry?

We will

Let us pray,
Blessed are you, gracious God, our creator and redeemer. In every age you call people to minister in your name. May the work of these your servants so build up your Church, that we may faithfully serve you and show your love in all the world.

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of the People *Mae Cox, Lay-Reader*

Confession and Absolution

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. *Silence is Kept*.

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 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.**

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.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace in a manner comfortable to you.)

Offertory Hymn#439 (CP) "Blest are the Pure in Heart" *Franconia*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Offering

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.** Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer No. 2

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. 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.

#719 (CP) "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Land of Rest*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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**.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#747 (CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God" *Schubert/ Proulx*

Music During Communion:

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" *(From the 1938 Hymnal)*

V1
Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

V2
Jesus loves me, he who died Heaven's gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Refrain

V3
Gentle Jesus, with me stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, take me home with thee on high.

Refrain

Hymn "Lead Me, Lord" *arr. John D. Becker*

V1
Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

V2
Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

Refrain

V3
Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace, all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Glory to God,
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

Recessional Hymn #347(CP) "The God of Abraham Praise"
Leoni

Dismissal

We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serving the world God loves. **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction "May the Blessing of God Be Upon You"

arr. W. Wright

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

Organ Postlude

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