

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL MEMORIAL CHURCH

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by Alekz Thoms

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that through Jesus Christ we are meant to faithfully and joyfully serve God and our neighbors.

WE WORSHIP as a community of believers who make people feel welcome from every walk of life. We value and welcome the diversity of all people.

WE SERVE seekers inside and outside the church to live in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Office Hours: Please Call

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION, RITE II

February 12, 2023

Prelude	Organ
Hymn #304 I come with joy (vs 1-3) <i>Land of Rest</i>	
Opening Sentences and Collect for Purity	BCP, 355
The Gloria #S-280	BCP, 356
Collect of the Day	Insert
1 st Reading	Insert
The Psalm	Insert
2 nd Reading	Insert
Hymn #474 When I survey the wondrous cross	<i>Rockingham</i>
The Gospel	Insert
Sermon	The Rev'd Toby Rowe
Nicene Creed	BCP, 358
Prayers of the People Form IV	BCP, 388
Confession & Absolution	BCP, 360
Peace & Announcements	BCP, 360
Offertory "City of God"	<i>Dan Schutte</i>
Doxology	Hymn #380, V3
Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP, 367
Proper Preface Epiphany	BCP, 378
<i>Sanctus</i> #S-125 <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	<i>Proulx</i>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, 364
Fraction Anthem #S-155 Near	
Breaking of the Bread & Distribution	BCP, 364
Communion Music #697 God, accept my heart this day	<i>Song 67</i>
Post Communion Prayer	BCP, 365
The Blessing	
Hymn #344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing	<i>Sicilian Mariners</i>
Dismissal	BCP, 366
Postlude	Organ/Piano

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

RITE II

The Collect:

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.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

or

¹⁵ If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
— and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

¹⁶ He has placed before you fire and water;
— stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

¹⁷ Before each person are life and death;
— and whichever one chooses will be given.

~~18 For great is the wisdom of the Lord;~~

~~—he is mighty in power and sees everything;~~

~~19 his eyes are on those who fear him;~~

~~—and he knows every human action.~~

~~20 He has not commanded anyone to be wicked;~~

~~—and he has not given anyone permission to sin.~~

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!

² Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

³ Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

⁴ You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

⁷ I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸ I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall

not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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ANGLICAN & DIOCESIAN PRAYER CYCLES The Anglican Church of Melanesia; St. John's, Dickinson: Doni, Mary Massad, Amy Oksa, Fern Pokorny, & Leslie Ross, congregation leadership; and for the Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors of the Diocese

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS None this week

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES- None this week

PRAYER REQUESTED: Dolly, Nancy E., Marllys, Ron & Carol, Mike B., all affected by the earthquake in Turkey & Syria

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND PEACE We pray for peace, but maybe we don't have the words. We pray for a just peace, but maybe we don't have the words. We pray that the lives of innocents and the lives of any human child of God will be spared. We pray that our leaders will find a diplomatic way, a nonviolent way of solution. But we don't know how to pray as we are. So, the Spirit must intercede for us at this time. – The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

FLOWER DEDICATIONS: If you would like to dedicate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, contact either Sherrie Hopkins (ratherbesewing@hotmail.com) or Krista Reynolds (haykrew@bis.midco.net). Sundays available: March 1st, 2nd & 3rd, April 5th, May 2nd & 4th, July 1st, 3rd & 5th, August 4th, October 2nd & 5th & December 2nd & 3rd.

CALENDER:

February 12th 10 am Holy Eucharist , Rev. Toby Rowe, Fargo, ND
February 17th & 18th Vestry Retreat
February 19th 10 am Morning Prayer Service, Jane White Lay Leader
February 21st 10 am Tuesday: Rite One Eucharist at Touchmark
February 22nd 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service, Rev. Steve Godfrey
February 26th 10 am Morning Prayer Service, Jannelle Combs Lay Leader
Wednesday evenings: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer, Potluck at 6 PM. Leader, Deacon Beth

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT- Our diocese includes traditional homelands of Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara tribes. We acknowledge & understand this land was stewarded by people who lived here for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans & express our appreciation for their continued faithful stewardship of this land.

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'23 CONVENTION DELEGATES: Janelle Combs, Allison Hyatt, Traci Juhala, Joanne & Elton Lassiter, David Martin, Collette Rudolph, & Shirel Zillier; **ALTERNATES:** Kate Hanlon, Jacinda & Jody Simmons, & Steve Tillotson

