



# The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
Evening Prayer Rite II

February 12, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 63.*

*Tonight's offering is designated for Music Events, which provides underwriting for concerts and special music presentations at Holy Comforter.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge

*The people stand as the procession enters the church.*

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

### THE PRECES

Peter Nardone

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

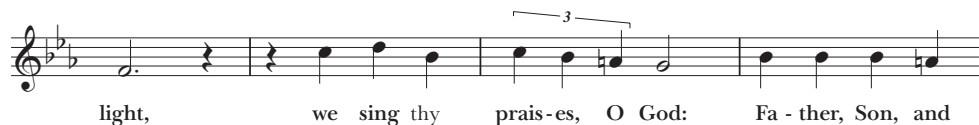
*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

### PHOS HILARON, HYMNAL, S 60

Ronald Arnatt

*Sung by all.*



praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,  
and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

**PSALM 19** *Cæli enarrant*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Sung by the choir. The people are seated.*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleans me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.  
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.

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in F Major

Peter Aston

*Sung by the choir. The people stand.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm;

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat,

and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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 SECOND LESSON [*The people are seated.*]

John 8:12-19

Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then they said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in F Major

Peter Aston

*Sung by the choir. The people stand.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 APOSTLES' CREED [*Sung by all, standing.*]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

### THE RESPONSES

Peter Nardone

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
*Choir* Lord have mercy upon us.  
 Christ have mercy upon us.  
 Lord have mercy upon us.  
*Officiant* Our Father,  
*Choir* which art in heaven...  
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.  
*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Officiant* O Lord, save the State.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**COLLECTS AND A PRAYER FOR MISSION**

**ANTHEM:** "In the sound of song"

David Kelley

*Sung by the choir. The people are seated.*

In the sound of song, praise the Lord,  
 from depths of bass to tenor high,  
 with alto joining every chord,  
 full choir now taking up the cry:  
 Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

When music tunes our songs of woe,  
 and sorrow makes lament our tone,  
 the Spirit breathes in hearts aglow  
 to ground our bass in God alone.  
 Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

Faith bids us sing notes high and low  
 to sing of hope to God above  
 for peace on earth for all to know  
 and trust in Christ, the Lord of love.  
 Praise the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.

*Rev. Canon Dr. Gordon Giles*


**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING** [*Said by all, standing.*]

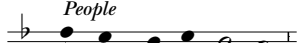
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**HYMN 34** "Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation"

*Innisfree Farm*

**CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE, HYMNAL, S 31**

*Cantor or Officiant*  
  
 Let us bless the Lord.

*People*  
  
 Thanks be to God.

**BLESSING** [*The people respond,*]  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Prelude, Fugue, and Ciaconne in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The people remain standing until the procession has left the church. If you would like to stay and hear the entire postlude, please feel free to move toward the front of the nave. You are invited to join us for a reception in the narthex following the service.*