



# THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence  
in the Deanery of Essex,  
with parish partnerships in  
the Diocese of Huron,  
members of the Anglican  
Church of Canada.

A Service of the Word  
for

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
February 12, 2023

## Gathering of the Community & Thanksgiving for Baptism

One Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

## Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

## Confession and Absolution

One Most merciful God,

All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

One Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.  
Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

All Amen.

## The Apostolic Grace

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

## Prayer / Collect of the Day

One Living One, in whose freedom creation was born as gift: free us from the need to possess, define and silence others, so that we might rejoice in the strangeness of your beauty revealed in flesh and blood; through Jesus Christ, our reconciliation.

All Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Gradual Hymn CP 551 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**  
Gospel Reading Matthew 5:21-37

### Sermon

Chris Gevaert

Lay Reader – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Windsor

Gradual Hymn CP 508 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

### Apostles' Creed

One With the whole church, let us confess our faith:  
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated and the right had of the Father, and he will come 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.

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Please respond to each petition ending "Loving God" with "... help us turn our hearts toward you."*

### The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you always.  
All And also with you.

### Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 259 **For the Fruit of All Creation**  
One Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
All Amen.

### Thanksgiving for the Word

*Please respond to each petition ending "For your Word of Life, O God." with "We give you thanks and praise."*

### The Lord's Prayer

One Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

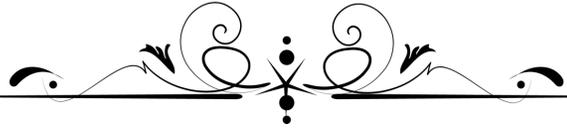
### Announcements

### Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 350 **Stand Up and Bless the Lord**

### Dismissal

One Love the Lord, choose the good, hold fast to God, so that you may flourish.  
All Thanks be to God.



### **Announcements**

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. The simplest way to support this ministry is c/o St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church with "The SENT" in the memo line or notes field.

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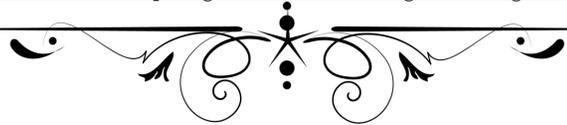
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**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson**

SIRACH 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.                      **All            Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:1-8**

One    Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!  
Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

**REFRAIN                      Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.**

One    Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways. You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

**REFRAIN                      Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.**

One    Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes! Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

**REFRAIN                      Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.**

One    One    I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgements. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

**REFRAIN                      Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.**

One    **GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**All       AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson**

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor

the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.    **All            Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Lesson**

MATTHEW 5:21-37

One    The holy gospel according to Matthew **All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; 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. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come 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. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If 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. And 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. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But 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. 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.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

**The gospel of the Lord.    All            Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Hymns

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### Opening Hymn CP 537

#### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me.  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

### Gradual Hymn CP 551

#### My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart;  
my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll,  
blest Savior, then, in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

### Response Hymn CP 508

#### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one,  
lay down thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad.  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived,  
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun,  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

### Offertory Hymn CP 259

#### For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

### Closing Hymn CP 350

#### Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1 Stand up and bless the Lord, you people  
of God's choice; stand up and bless the  
Lord of hosts with heart and soul and  
voice.

2 Though high above all praise, above all  
blessing high, who would not fear God's  
holy name, and laud and magnify!

3 O for the living flame from God's own  
altar brought, to touch our lips, our  
minds inspire, and wing to heaven our  
thought!

4 God is our strength and song, who  
makes salvation ours; then be God's love  
in Christ proclaimed with all our  
ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord  
your God adore; stand up and bless the  
glorious name henceforth for evermore.