



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 13, 2022*

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*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ares” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### PRELUDE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip’s Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG

“Let Justice Flow like Streams”

*vs. 1, 2 ELW 717*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“I’m Gonna Follow”

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10*

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*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 1**

<sup>1</sup>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!

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**<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>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.

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 6: 17 - 26*

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] 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. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"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. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“When the Poor Ones”

ELW 725

**CREED**

**P:** Together we affirm our faith.

**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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition ends: God of grace,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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**SHARING OF PEACE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

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It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

"In This Feast of Love"

ACS 962

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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**BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

"Canticle of Turning"

*vs. 1, 4 ELW 723*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Debra Goshulak	Reader
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
Sam and Judy Marcuson	Cantors
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, and Lynette.

### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Join in the Zoom Coffee Hour Sunday mornings after worship.

### PASSING THE PLATE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on our website: [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/)

### ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report 2021 is complete. You may view the full 2021 Annual Report on the church website homepage: [www.stphilipstoronto.com](http://www.stphilipstoronto.com).



## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	
Tuesday	Bible Study @ 7:00 pm on Zoom
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Memorial Service @ 2:00 pm: John Suknundun

### OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,  
neighbour and self.*

#### VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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