

**The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
And
Commissioning of Parish Council**

St. George's, The Anglican Parish of the Blue Mountains
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Morning Prayer for Sunday

*please join in the responses of the community printed in **bold**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95.1-7

Come, sing to the Holy One !
Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!
Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!
Raise our voices in joyful hymns!
Truly the Holy One is a great God,
supreme above all gods,
in whose hands are the ends of the earth
and the heights of all the mountains.
The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.
Come, worship and bow down;
kneel in the presence of our Creator.
Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,
whose people we are,
all in God's pasture.

*The Opening Hymn: **New Every Morning is the Love ~7~***
(Melcombe) J. Keble / S. Webbe P.D

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.
He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Responsory

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears

you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

The Epistle Reading: I CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: **O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

S. T. Francis/ T.J. Williams

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.**

**Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading: LUKE 6:27-38

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gradual Hymn cont.

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.**

The Homily: The Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God,
the Lord is one. Love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with
all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers of the People

*Response: Lord in Your love, **hear our prayer.***

The Litany

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God,
accept all we offer you this day.
Lead us to love you with all our heart,
and to love all people with your perfect love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling ~486~

(Blaenwern) C. Wesley / W.P. Rowlands P.D

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**