Sunday 12th. February, 2023 11.00 am The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 623 Here in this place new light is streaming,

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away – here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 271 Loving God, you see us here

- 1 Loving God, you see us here, know our names and who we are. Though we never have seen you, we believe you are here.
- Loving God, you hear our prayer for all those in need today.Show us how we can help you, help us do what we can.
 - Loving God, you stay with us, wide awake and when we sleep. Thank you for every moment, thank you for your great care.

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Hymn 79 Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way (Psalm 119)

- 1 Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way of thy precepts divine,
 And to observe it to the end
 I shall my heart incline.
 - 2 Give understanding unto me, so keep thy law shall I; Yea, ev'n with my whole heart I shall observe it carefully.
- In thy law's path make me to go; for I delight therein.

 My heart unto thy gracious word, and not to greed, incline.
- 4 Turn thou away my sight and eyes from viewing vanity;
 And in thy good and holy way be pleas'd to quicken me.
- 5 Confirm to me thy gracious word, which I did gladly hear, Even to thy servant, Lord, for I thy holy name revere..
- 6 Turn thou away my fear'd reproach; for good thy judgments be.
 Lo, for thy precepts I have longed; in thy truth quicken me.

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St. Matthew 5:21-37

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn 502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

- Take my life, Lord, let it be consecrated, glad, and free; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of your love; take my feet, that I may run bearing news of Christ your Son.
 - Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect and use every power as you shall choose.
- 4 Take my will-your will be done, may my will and yours be one; take my heart-it is your own, it shall be your royal throne.
- Take my love- my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be all for you, eternally.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)