

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2025*

*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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*Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.*

Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 718 We cannot measure how you heal**

1 We cannot measure how You heal  
or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds  
where faith and doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,  
survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life  
and cradle children yet unborn.

2 The pain that will not go away,  
the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds,  
are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends  
the hurt we never hoped to find,  
the private agonies inside,  
the memories that haunt the mind.

3 So some have come who need Your help  
and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world  
are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here  
to mend the body, mind and soul,

to disentangle peace from pain  
and make Your broken people whole.  
John L. Bell(b.1949) & Graham Maule(1958-2019)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 351 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,**

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, Doing good to all,  
Healing pain and sickness, Blessing children small,  
Washing tired feet, And saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, Doing good to all.

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, Let them work for you;  
Make them strong and gentle, Kind in all I do.  
Let me watch you, Jesus, Till I'm gentle too,  
Till my hands are kind hands, Quick to work for you.

Margaret Beatrice Cropper (1886-1980)

**Jeremiah, Chapter 17, verses 5-10**

<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.

### Anthem

St. Luke, Chapter 6, verses 17-26

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them 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<sup>a</sup> on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on 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.

### Hymn 426 All heaven declares

1 All heaven declares  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever He will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship Him alone.

2 I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain  
to reconcile the world to God.  
Forever You will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship You alone.

## Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### **Hymn 182 Now thank we all our God,**

1 Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given,  
the one eternal God  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for so it was, is now,

## Benediction

Choral Amen