

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 12, 2023**

**650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling**  
In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
You we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living**  
As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship  
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working**  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol.

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**Introit**

*Psalm 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2*

The LORD has made known his salvation;  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
**the world and those who dwell in it!**  
Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,  
**for he comes to judge the earth.**  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
**and the peoples with equity.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**Kyrie**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## This Is the Feast

- A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!  
**Extol him, all peoples!**  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 3:1–9*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

- C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew 5:21–37*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 553 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

- 1** **O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,  
Creation's mighty Lord,  
Redeemer of the fallen world,  
By holy love outpoured:**
- 2** **How vast Your mercy to accept  
The burden of our sin  
And bow Your head in cruel death  
To make us clean within.**
- 3** **But now the bonds of death are burst,  
The ransom has been paid;  
You now ascend the Father's throne  
In robes of light arrayed.**
- 4** **O let Your mighty love prevail  
To purge us of our pride  
That we may stand before Your throne  
By mercy purified.**
- 5** **Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be  
To glory in the Lord!**
- △ 6** **All praise to You, ascended Lord;  
All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Through all eternity!**

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## Sermon “Life and Death” Deuteronomy 30:15-20

### Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Offering

#### Offertory (from Divine Service Setting One)

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the  
name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** ...Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Lord’s Prayer

- C** 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  
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

### 704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

- 1** Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.
- 2** Remove the pow’r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3** Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4** Grant that I only You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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