

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Introit: *Dominus regnavit, Psalm 97:7, 8/1*

TONE VII



Antiphon: Bow down before him, all you gods. ↓
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.

Psalm. 1 The LORD is King; ↓ let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

[2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.]

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓
and to the Holy Spirit, *

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie **or** Litany

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The Collect:

Almighty God, grant us the grace to ever think of spiritual things; and in every word and work always to do what is well pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my

God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Gradual Psalm 102:15, 16

TONE III



The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, *
and all the kings of the earth your glory.
For the LORD will build up Zion, *
and his glory will appear.

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 1:2-10

Brethren: We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about

us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Alleluia **Dominus regnavit, Psalm 97:1**
Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

The Gospel: **Matthew 13:31-35**

At that time...Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory **Confitemini Domino, Psalm 118:16, 17** **TONE III**



"The right hand of the LORD has tri-umphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

Continued...

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, we offer this sacrifice of atonement, that you would mercifully absolve our sins and direct our hesitant hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Preface of the Holy Trinity

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,
that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you,
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
are one God, one Lord;
not in the unity of a single person,
but in the Trinity of a single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation
concerning your glory,
that same we believe of your Son,
that same we believe of the Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead,
we shall adore the Persons as distinct,
their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

This the angels the cherubim and the seraphim do praise;
day by day they cry out unceasingly
saying as with one voice:...

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Priest: May God who has implanted the mustard seed of faith in your hearts nurture it with his grace and bring it to full growth in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Holy Spirit who was given to the Church leaven the faith you have received and cause it to rise against the temptations of this age.

People: Amen

Priest: May He daily give you the grace to “turn from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.”

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: *Dicit Dominus, Luke 4:22* TONE I



All spoke well of him *
and were amazed at the gracious words
that came from his mouth.

The Postcommunion Collect:

O Lord, you have fed us with heavenly delicacies, may we always have a hunger for this food which gives us true life; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*