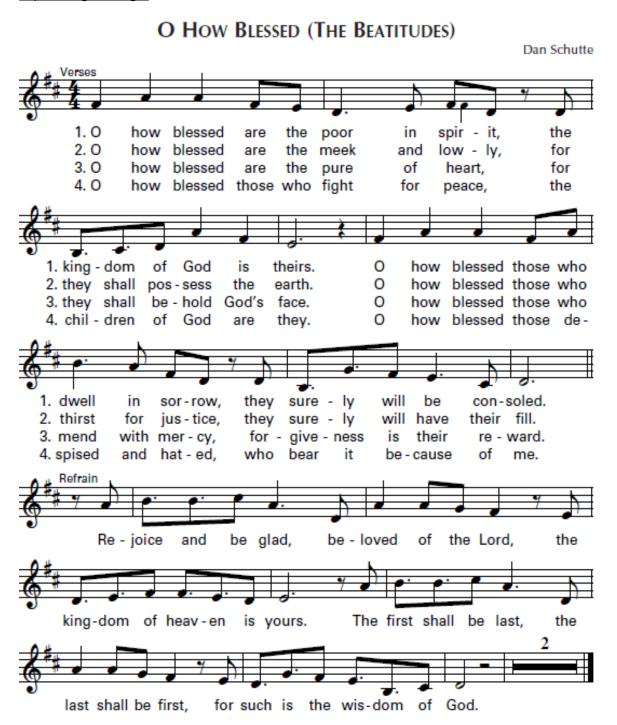
6th Weekend of Ordinary Time February 15, 2025 Responses of the people are indicated in **bold/italics**.

Welcome and announcements:

Opening Song: #727 O How Blessed



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Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.

+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Teri: May the Love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you. (Adlib. Maybe talk about oxygen here.)

Penitential Rite:

Teri: Let us remember our God who cherishes the unfolding of each of our stories, and invites us to new transformation today:

God, You share your blessing with the poor and those who weep. Lord have mercy *Lord have mercy*

Jesus, You feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit. Christ have mercy *Christ have mercy*

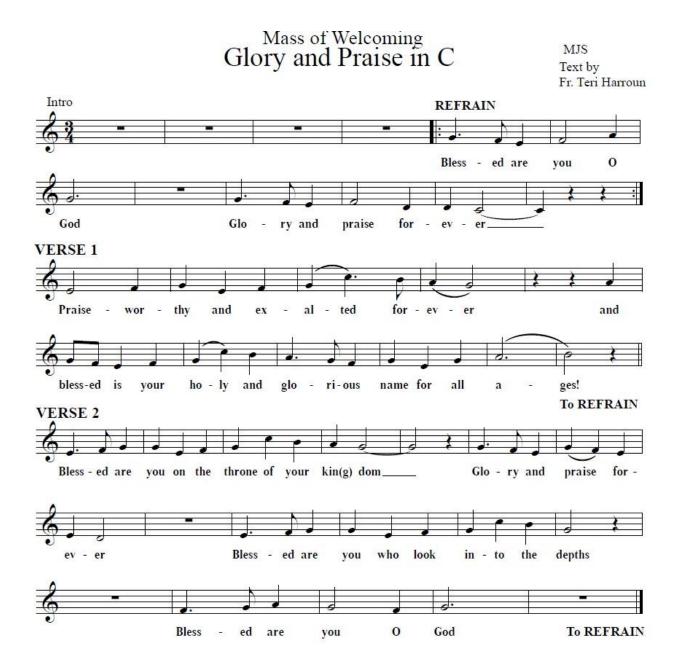
Spirit, Your gift of reconciliation is a gift we both receive and share. Lord have mercy *Lord have mercy*

Teri: Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Be refreshed and renewed + in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray.

Amen.

Gloria:

Teri: Let us grab those holy noisemakers, singing our Glory to God.



Opening Prayer:

Teri: Let us pray......

God, blessed are you who made the earth and all the people in it. Blessed are you who lavishes us with blessing and grace. Blessed are you who sees beyond, yet is always present. Blessed are you who dwells in each of us, and loves us forever. In Jesus' name we pray: *Amen*.

Teri: Let us all be seated now, as we listen to some stories.

First Reading: - Irene

The First Reading is a Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (17:5-8)

"Lost are those who trust immoral inclinations," says God, "who rely on power, greed, and envy, whose hearts turn away from God. They are like stunted vegetation in the desert with no hope in the future, vegetation standing in stony wastes, an uninhabited land of salt.

"Blessed are those who trust in God, whose hope is God. They are like trees planted by the river thrusting their roots toward the stream. When the heat comes, they feel no heat; the leaves stay green. Like trees untroubled in a year of drought, those who trust in God never cease to bear fruit."

This has been a Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: (Proverbs 8:32-33, 34, 35-36)

The psalm response is: Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

And so, My people, hear Me well. Happy are you when you keep My ways! Take My instruction seriously and grow wise. Don't neglect My lessons.

Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

Happy are you who listen to Me, watching daily at My gates waiting beside My door.

Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

All who find Me, find Life, and receive My loving blessing. All who lose Me, lose their souls. All who hate Me, love death.

Blessed are all who seek Wisdom

Second Reading: - Irene

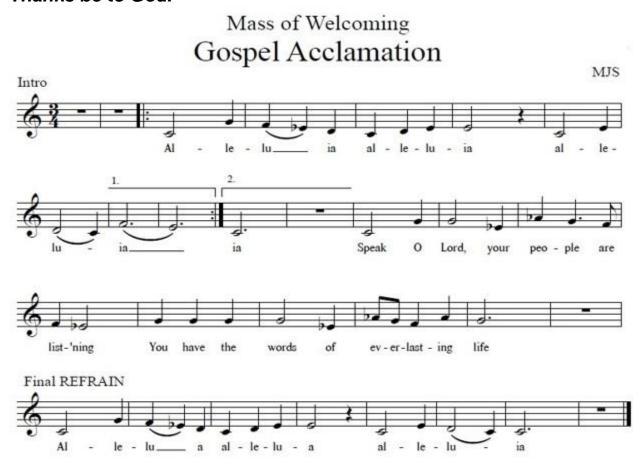
A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (4:12-17)

Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if it were unexpected. Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Jesus, so that when the glory of the Christ is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted as a follower of Christ, blessed are you. God's spirit, in Her glory, will rest upon you.

See to it, however, that none of you suffers for being a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a destroyer of another's rights; but whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name of Jesus. It is a time for judgment. We, indeed all believers, are accountable to the good news of God.

This has been a reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel: - Fr. Teri

Teri: May Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Teri: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (6:17-28)

Glory to You, O God.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus stopped in a level area where there was a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. People had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because healing power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said: "You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours. You who hunger now are blessed, for you will be filled. You who weep now are blessed, for you will laugh. You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One. On the day they do so, Rejoice! Be glad! Your reward in heaven will be great and everlasting, for your ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full now. Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will weep and grieve. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for your ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way."

This has been a reading from the Gospel according to Luke. *Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

Homily:

Prayers of the People: - Irene

Irene: Our response today is: God of blessings, guide us. (God of blessings, guide us.)

Irene: For our global human family, that we may work across borders and divides to sow seeds of unity and peace throughout our world.

We pray: God of blessings, guide us.

Irene: For the Church and for our faith leaders who encourage us to live the Gospel boldly. That we may respond to their call and embody Jesus's

radical love and hospitality in all places, at all times. We pray: *God of blessings, guide us.*<u>Irene</u>: For those who are sick, (especially_____). that they may feel the gentle presence of God's grace. We pray: *God of blessings, guide us.*

<u>Irene:</u> For those who struggle, who feel lost, alone or abandoned. That they may feel the abundance of Your love wrap around them, knowing that they are cared for. We pray: *God of blessings, guide us.*

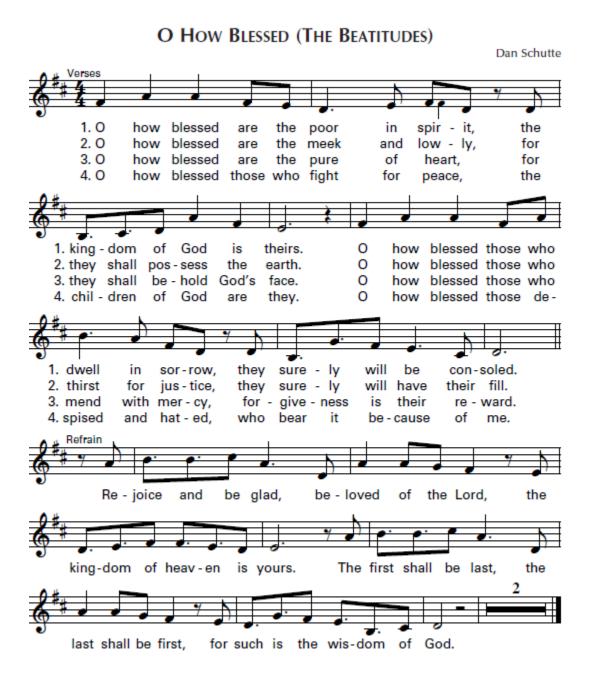
<u>Irene</u>: For those who have died, (especially _____). That they may experience the peace and joy of the Resurrection. And for those who mourn a loss, that Your presence bring them comfort and healing in these trying times. We pray: *God of blessings, guide us.*

<u>Irene</u>: Now, Fr. Teri will lead us in the prayers that have been typed in the comments......(PAUSE....)

<u>Irene</u>: For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: *God of blessings, guide us.*

Irene: In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Sign of Peace:



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<u>Teri</u>: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our cupboards to place on your tables. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. **Blessed be God forever.**

<u>Teri</u>: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. These gifts have sometimes traveled through the mail to get here, and other times through pockets, purses, and backpacks. They represent our entire lives. May they be-come the Light of Christ in your world. **Blessed by God forever.**

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

ALL: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: Let us all rise in body or spirit.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all. And also with you.

<u>Teri</u>: Open your hearts. *We open them to our God.*

<u>Teri</u>: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri:

"Gracious God,
you have so richly blessed us with life,
with love and joy,
with hope in the midst of despair.
Help us to be the salt of the earth.
Help us to be the light of the world,
sharing with others that which we have received,
boldly proclaiming the good news of your love,
finding the seeds of your kingdom within us
and letting your way grow in our lives and throughout the world."
(John W. Vest)

Now with those who are blessed; with the meek and the mourning, with the peacekeepers and the poor in spirit, with the choirs of angels, the shepherds who sing with them, and all of creation, we are glad to sing your praise:



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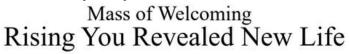
Teri: God of Water and Wine,

You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to be signs of love and peace to one another, and to the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine, food before us, to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, saying, "Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. "

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....





Teri:

Together with God, we are the Body of Christ. And together we follow Christ that we might be a light in God's kin-dom.

Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather at your tables. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in abilities and gender, differing in orientation, politics and even religion. As we come together around your tables, Knowing that all tables are Your Table, O God, we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate but that our differences are indeed a blessing, A beatitude in our midst; God, the more difference we bring, the more diversity we honor, the more we live into being A Boldly Inclusive Catholic Church, Then the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred and the holy of our God, in our midst.

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In a society divided by race, gender, class, politics, ideology, sexual orientation, and so many other labels we alone have created, remind us God that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you, each of us your beloved child. Help us then to end our conflicts and wars, our racism and phobias; help us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation

We also remember in our prayers our chosen shepherds, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. May they know Your presence being birthed into the world in new ways through them.

God, we share with you our prayers for our beloved dead. We are confident that you remember our ancestors who have gone to their rest, and now rest in your eternal embrace. May we one day join them, living into the fullness of the communion of saints and the Eternal Love that is you.

Teri: Together let us say:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray together in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 Kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.



<u>Teri</u>: This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. This is the one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

(Invitation to Communion)

Teri: ...The most important thing is that you know that you are welcome here. For those who join us from home, receive the grace that God shares with you on this day.

Communion Song: # 408 Drawn To You



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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Please rise in body or spirit. And let us pray.....

Teri: God of Wheat and Grapes, God of Bread and Wine, We remember that this meal encourages us to be patient with ourselves and with one another at Your table where there truly is room for everyone. We ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Teri: The Love of God be with you. And also with you.

Teri: Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

Teri: God of Blessing, You bless the grieving, the poor, the persecuted and the peacemakers. God of Blessing, Bless each of us here. Bless us with new vision and new perspective. Bless us, that we may be a blessing. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Teri: We are the Light of Christ.

Let us go forth as such.

Loving and serving God.

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

We are the Light of Christ.

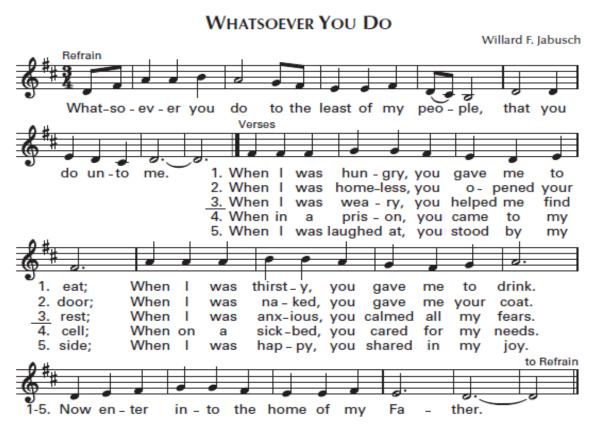
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As we get to love and serve in God's world.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: #619 Whatsoever You Do



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