



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
MILFORD

February 13, 2022  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## REFLECTION

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### Celebrating Christ Our Brother, In His Estate of Humiliation: Life

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.  
At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:  
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders in their great array.  
Humbled for a season to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

— Caroline Noel (1870)

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

**Gathering Hymn**                      At the Name of Jesus

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

**Call to Worship**                      Psalm 119:1-8

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!**

You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

**Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!**

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now,  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 • from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
 • faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 • brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
**I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous rules.  
I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!**

## **Invocation**

**New Testament Lesson** Matthew 8:18–22, 13:53–58

**Praise Hymn** What Love, My God

What love my God would bring You down to earth  
What king would take a low and lonely birth  
Yet to this dark and broken place You came  
To sleep beneath the stars that You had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life  
To walk the road rejected and despised  
That You might know the weakness I possess  
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

### **Chorus**

O Your love my God like a flood, As heaven opened up pouring out on us  
O praise the King who came to the world, In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God could hold You to the tree  
To bear that overwhelming debt for me  
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side  
The Healer bleeds the Life was made to die

What love my God so gracious and extreme  
Was strong enough to come and fight for me  
To go through hell and down into the grave  
And raise me up to see You face to face

### **Chorus**

## **Confession of Sin**

O Lord Jesus Christ, We have not loved your appearing;  
We have wandered out of the narrow way that leads to life

Some of us have sinned boldly, presuming upon your kindness.  
Others of us still fear your law, which rightly condemns us  
But we have all forsaken our first love:  
    not loving you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, our body

We have cheated, or indulged our laziness, or hated,  
    or held a grudge, or lied, or felt sorry for ourselves.

We are being choked by the cares of this world:  
    its passions, its suppression of truth, its hypocrisy, its self-assurance—  
and we have resisted so poorly.

We have neglected or despised our neighbor, or ourselves;  
    our brothers and sisters here or elsewhere, or the Lord who bought us.

Forgive us Father, for the sake of your Beloved Son,  
    who loved us and gave Himself up for us.

Forgive me dear Jesus, and teach me what gratitude I owe you,  
    that I may love your appearing when you come again O My Lord. Amen.

## **Individual Confession**

### **Absolution**

I Peter 1:3–7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot  
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 Let me thy inner presence feel;  
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
 Let new and nobler life begin!  
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
 until the glorious crown be won.

**Thanksgiving Hymn**      Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

**Old Testament Lesson**    Isaiah 50:4–9

**Peace of Christ**            The peace of the Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, you heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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**Sermon Text**                    Mark 6:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord!      **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**                            Jesus of Nazareth | Dr. Nelson Jennings

**Response Hymn**                Wood and Nails

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house  
So you may dwell in Me  
So you may dwell in Me

**Chorus**

The work was done with nothing but wood and nails  
In Your scar-borne hands  
O show me how to work and praise  
Trusting that I am Your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face  
O build a table that I too may join you  
In the father's place  
Oh in the Father's place

## Chorus

The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways  
Knowing that the task is finished

The dead will rise and give You praise  
Wood and nails will not hold them down  
These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon  
And fashion them into flower beds

The curse is done, the battle won  
Swords bent down into plowshares  
Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them  
Serving at the table You've prepared

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## Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

## Prayers of the People

**Collection**      Text **MNA 1708 to 76959** and follow the prompts or visit  
[give.pcamna.org/to/1708/](http://give.pcamna.org/to/1708/)

## Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, Mold me, fill me! Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

## Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism (1647), Question 48

How did Christ humble himself in his life?

**Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.**

## Communion in Christ Jesus

*All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.*

## Communion Hymn

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## **Prayer for those searching**

*Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.*

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## **Coronation Hymn**

### **Benediction**      2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## **REFLECTION**

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He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty years old. Then for three years He was a poor itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held public office. He never had a family nor owned a house. He never went to college. He never traveled more than 200 miles from the place where He was born.

Jesus did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when public opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him.

He was turned over to His enemies and went through a mock trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. When He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed tomb because of the pity of a friend.

Two thousand years have passed, and today He is still the central figure of the human race. He still will not be relegated to a particular niche of our experience nor will He compromise His principals for the sake of political correctness. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as much as that one solitary Life.

– Dr. James Allen Frances

# Mark 6

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Community Group** | We'll meet tonight at the Alburgers' house at 5:30pm for a Super Bowl Party! Check weekly email for a link to sign up to bring a dish, drink or side.

**Men's Breakfast** | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

**Thursday Night Prayer Meeting** | 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

**Sunday Worship** | We'll meet at the Fowler Building (parking at I Shipyard Ln.) at 11:00am through February.

**Men's & Women's Bible Studies** | Men meet Saturday 2/19, women on Saturday 2/26 from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

**Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship** | Generally 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, rotating months: women will meet Feb.18 at 7:30pm. Details to follow. RSVP to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

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