



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2025

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn: "Gather Your people"
*(Refrain) Gather your people O Lord,
Gather you people, O Lord
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people O Lord.*

*We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides. (Refrain)*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen!**

The Collect for Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise : "The Blessing"

*The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace Amen.*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but

God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 37: (Read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the LORD, and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 **But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.**
- 13 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**14 The LORD will help them and rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver
them, because they seek refuge in him.**

Sequence Hymn: "His mercy is more"

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Strong-er than dark-ness, new ev-ry morn. Our
sins they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "But to you who are listening, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: "Your Father's Child"

Janelle Berger

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped &
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

(*“catholic” means universal)

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord.

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone. (Silence)*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. (Silence)

For the just and proper use of your creation;
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
(Silence)*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy. (Silence)*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the
Truth. (Silence)*

For our church prayer list and for all who have
died. *(Silence)* For the special needs and concerns of those
around us here today. *(Silence)*

And, Lord, for all the blessings of our lives;

We give you thanks. (Silence)

The Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we
humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. *Amen.*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory Hymn: "Precious Lord take my hand"

*Precious Lord, take my hand lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, and worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.*

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, lead me near,
When my life is almost gone.*

*Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,*

*At the river I stand. guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

Communion Hymn: "Reaching for You" (See insert)

Communion Hymn: "Taste and See" (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

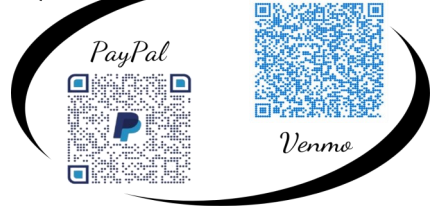
Closing Hymn: "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

**NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY
FROM JESUS' TABLE**



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask a priest if you need assistance.

Additional Ways to Give



Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Martha Sparks
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Nancy Gibbons, Ed Austin

10:30am

DOD: Susan Bell
Chalice Bearers: Jack Lichlyter, Miya May
Acolytes: Evelyn Spain (CR), Gregory Rider, Landree Williams
Readers: Lavonne Thomas, Madeleine Hutchison

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks.
Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

Bill Holiman and Family, Chuck Collins, Cindy Robbins, CJ, *Diane Persell, Eula Lantrip, *Fay Scordato, Jaime Badilla, Jane Drake, Jean Turner, *Mabel Wilson, Melissa Williams, Nancy Gibbons, Natalie Baxter, Ralph, Sally Roberts & Family, Richard Pena, Tabby Riley, Terri Miller, Walt & Gail Zimmer, Will Benson

**Leave on Prayer List*

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug

Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Steven Bonello, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven

Rest of the Soul

Helen Carnes, Harriet Kerr, Victims of the plane crash in Washington DC & Philadelphia, Maria Martinez, David Pleasant, Crystal Tyson, Kenny Johnson, Lorelee Holiman, Tina Moore, Chris Mincey, Ralph Roberts

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