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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C

February 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist - Hybrid

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service if you are online. If you are reading a lesson, leading the prayers, or adding an intercession or thanksgiving aloud during the prayers, please unmute yourself; then please re-mute.

Music is in this bulletin, and may also be found in The Hymnal 1982; Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP); Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS II); Voices Found (VF); or My Heart Sings Out (MHSO).

Prelude

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Hymnal 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

The Presider says, and the people respond

 Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

All say together

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.

The following is sung by all

Arise and Shine – *The Third Song of Isaiah*

(from Voices Found, #156)

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4. The lyrics are: 1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang; 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way, 3 You will not need the sun by day.

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

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after James Turle (1802-1882).

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader: A Reading from Genesis

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 Noli aemulari

All say

- 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.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Reader: A Reading from First Corinthians

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Hymnal 204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Moser

Nicene Creed

All stand, and say together

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 and 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.

Prayers of the People

Led by the Intercessor

The intercessor offers prayers for the Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; concerns of the community; those who suffer or are in any trouble; and the departed.

A brief silence is kept between each prayer. Those online may "unmute" to add their own petitions and thanksgivings, along with those in the church, when indicated by the intercessor.

The Presider adds this Concluding Collect

God of kindness, interrupting our vicious cycles of resentment and revenge: teach us to walk the way of forgiveness beyond all accounting, and to love the gift that has no measure; through Jesus Christ, who died for all. **Amen.**

(Concluding Collect at the Prayers from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare.)

The Peace

Those online may unmute briefly to offer their response along with those in the church.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Holy Communion

The Presider says

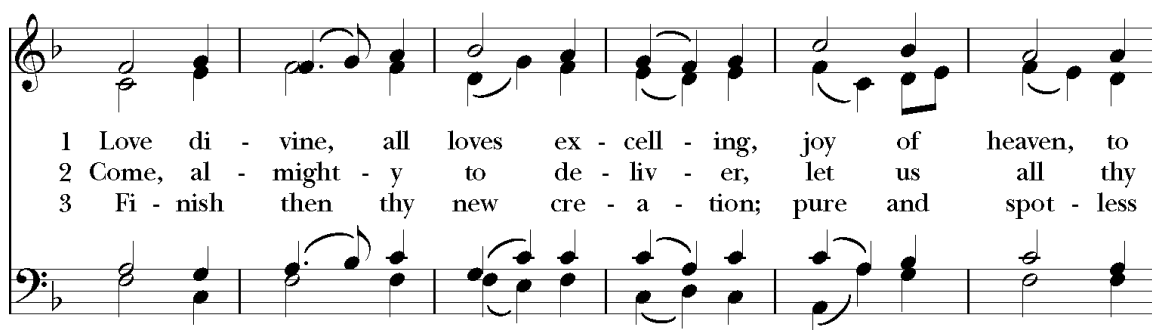
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Please continue to support our parish and ministries by regular offerings in the Offering plates, mailing offerings to our parish office, or giving electronically through the Diocesan Giving Portal.

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. We praise you and we bless you, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Presider and People

Sanctus

(My Heart Sings Out 38)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and might,
Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is the one

heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
com - ing in the name, the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider says

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 867



The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The Presider invites the People to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

Ministration of Communion

Presider

The Body and Blood of Christ keep you in everlasting life.

During the hymns Communion is administered to those in the sanctuary, while those online reverently consume the consecrated elements in their homes.

Communion Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Postcommunion Prayer

The Presider says

Let us pray.

The Presider and People pray

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Hymnal 347



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we ——— be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace ——— and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Blessing

The priest pronounces God's blessing; people online may "unmute" to offer their responses

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal (*unmuted*)

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

A Note on Today's Readings

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – Year C

Welcome to our parish. Again, the theme of Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ, is the focus of the liturgy. The “sermon on the plain” continues today with Jesus teaching about the way members of God’s kingdom relate to other people. Here our behavior is to reflect God’s behavior toward us. We are to love, to forgive, and to be generous because God loves us, God forgives us, and God is generous to us.

In the first reading, a model of forgiveness and love are given in the story of Joseph and the ten brothers who had sold him into slavery. Joseph’s forgiveness is unconditional and is the means by which God saved the people of Israel for their future vocation.

In this last portion of 1 Corinthians, Paul continues to explain the resurrection. Here he is confronting a notion held by some in that congregation that human beings are purely spiritual beings trapped in sinful, material bodies and that certain people with special spiritual gifts can escape their material existence. Paul’s message is that human beings are material but are destined, through the resurrection of Christ, to be raised with spiritual bodies. It is only through the dying and rising of Jesus, not through special knowledge or gifts, that this can take place.

It is always God whose actions come first. Jesus is the manifestation of God’s generous love and forgiveness. Our response is to show forth that divine love and forgiveness in our own lives. We are to be epiphanies of God’s love to the world. We find God’s love revealed in the Eucharist and we in turn are sent forth to embody that love in our lives.

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