

**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 23, 2025**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
**The Reverend Canon Mark A Scheneman, presiding**

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**The People Gather** (please keep a rule of silence)

**Organ Preludes**

**Processional Hymn:**

*"Father, we praise thee"*

**Hymn 1**

**Salutation and Response**

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

**Collect for Purity** (Celebrant)

**p. 355 BCP**

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

**Gloria** (sung in unison)

**Hymn S-280**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

**The Word of God** (be seated for the readings)

**The Old Testament 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 37:1-7**

- Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \* **do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
- For they shall soon wither like the grass, \* **and like the green grass fade away.**
- Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  **dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**
- Take delight in the Lord, \* **and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \* **and he will bring it to pass.**
- He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \* **and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- Be still before the Lord \* **and wait patiently for him.**

### **The New Testament Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-44**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:**     *"Before the Lord's eternal throne"*

**Hymn 391, st.1-3**

### **The Holy Gospel (remain standing)**

### **Luke 6:27-38**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you. Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Mark Scheneman

## **The Nicene Creed (unison, standing)**

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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.

## **The Prayers of the People: (respond after each petition)**

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

## **Parish Intercessions (Celebrant)**

## **The Prayer of St. Francis (in unison)**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **Confession (kneeling in unison)**

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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.

## **Absolution (Celebrant)**

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Exchange of the Peace** (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy Spirit.** (Greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

**Announcements** (be seated)

**Offertory Hymn:**           *"Lord, make us instruments of your peace"*

**Hymn 593**

**Reception of Gifts** (sung in unison)

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

**Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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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 our God.

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

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (sung in unison)

**Hymn S-130**

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

**Prayer of Consecration B** (kneeling, concluding with AMEN)

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**Memorial Acclamation** (in unison)

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We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

**The Lord's Prayer** (traditional words)

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Angus Dei** (sung in unison)

**S-164**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace

## **The Administration of Holy Communion**

*(THE HOLY TABLE around which we gather is the Lord's, not our own. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.)*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (in unison)

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Almighty and ever living 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 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** (Celebrant)

**Recessional Hymn:**        *"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

**Hymn 657**

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Robert and Geoffrey Dailey and Vivian Johnson by Marge Dailey*