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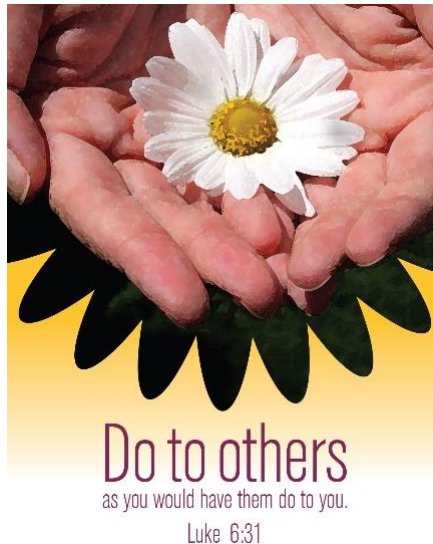
February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 7)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #2 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Text from Katolisches Gesangbuch;
translation by Edward Caswall

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| 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” | 4 To God, the Word, on high
the hosts of angels cry:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” |
| 2 Whene’er the sweet church bell
peals over hill and dell,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
O hark to what it sings,
as joyously it rings:
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 5 Let earth’s wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” |
| 3 In heaven’s eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
The power of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 6 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages on:
may Jesus Christ be praised! |

Greeting

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **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 upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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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.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of mercy, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and actions help us to follow his example, so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity; through Jesus Christ, our great reward. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 45:3–11,15

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

³Joseph 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.

⁴Then 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. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹I 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.’ . . .”

¹⁵And 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 37:1–6

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #52 St. Flavian

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| <p>1 Fret not for those who do wrong things,
Who from God's path have strayed;
For they shall wither like the grass,
And like the green grass fade.</p> <p>2 Trust God, do good, dwell in the land,
And let your wealth increase;
Take your delight in God, and he
Will give your heart true peace.</p> | <p>3 Commit your journey to the Lord;
Trust God, it will be done;
Your righteousness will then shine forth,
As clear as noontday sun.</p> |
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Second Reading:

I Corinthians 15:35–38,42–50

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being;" the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ 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. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ 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 The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel:

Luke 6:27–38

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁷ [Jesus said to his disciples,] “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ 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.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Hymn #44 “I Believe in God Almighty”

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,
 Father of all things that be,
 maker of the earth and heavens,
 keeper of the sky and sea.
 I believe in God’s Son, Jesus,
 now for us both Lord and Christ,
 of the Spirit and of Mary
 born to bring abundant life.</p> | <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
 scourged and scorned and crucified;
 taken from the cross, was buried—
 true life there had truly died.
 I believe that on the third day
 Christ was raised up from the grave,
 then ascended to God’s right hand.
 He will come to judge and save.</p> |
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- 3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
 bonding all the saints within
 one Church, catholic, and holy,
 where forgiveness frees from sin;
 in the body's resurrection,
 for the breaking of death's chain
 gives the life that's everlasting:
 this the faith that I have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #486 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Text by Charles Wesley

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your

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Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

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Michael
Leach

**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

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world

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and ministers of your transforming purpose.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- ***To receive a blessing***, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- ***To receive the bread***, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- ***To receive the wine from the cup***, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.

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- *If you prefer to take only the bread, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.*
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Communion Hymn #282 “Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing”

Text by Charles Wesley

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| 1 Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one. | 4 But all unite in Christ their head,
and love to sing his praise:
Lord of the living and the dead,
direct our earthly ways! |
| 2 One family, we live in him,
one church above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death. | 5 So we shall join our friends above
who have obtained the prize;
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise. |
| 3 One army of the living God,
to his command we bow;
part of the host have crossed the flood
and part are crossing now. | |

Closing Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of new birth, whose compassionate power transforms sin into health and temporal dust into eternal glory: grant us a gracious faith, so that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery, we may face our trials with confidence, and become a blessing to friend and enemy for the sake of Jesus' name. Amen**

Doxology [Michael Leach]

People **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

People **Amen.**

Announcements

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| <p>1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, *
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me till I want no more,
 feed me till I want no more.</p> <p>2 Open now the crystal fountain
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still my strength and shield.</p> | <p>3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's
 destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises,
 I will ever give to thee,
 I will ever give to thee.</p> |
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Dismissal

Subdeacon Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p>Congregation Cycle Edwin N & Midius, King, Kwezi, Tess, and Josiah / Ellen O / Michael O / Cliff & Gladys O, and family / Azibola O</p>

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-12,41-42 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)</p>
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We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.