

## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*Morning Prayer Service*

*February 20, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Hymn 366 “Holy God, We Praise thy Name”

Holy God, we praise thy name.  
God of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heav'n above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn,  
angel choirs above are raising.  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train  
join thy sacred name to hallow.  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the blessed martyrs follow,  
and, from morn till set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.

#### **Opening Sentence**

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Confession of Sin**

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All*** 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 Officiant continues*

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

***All*** Amen.

### **Invitatory**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

***All*** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **Venite** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

***All*** Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*Officiant* For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

*All*           **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant*    The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

*All*           **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant*    For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*All*           **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant*    The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*All*           **Come let us adore him.**

### **Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

*Reader*       Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

*All*           **For they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

*Reader*       Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

*All*           **Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Reader*       Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

*All*           **He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

*Reader*       Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

*All*           **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

*Reader*       For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

*All*           **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
                  though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

*Reader*       But the meek shall inherit the land,  
                  and delight in abundant prosperity.

*All*           **The wicked plot against the righteous,  
                  and gnash their teeth at them;**

*Reader*       But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; \*  
                  he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

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

**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 ploughing 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.

*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah (said responsively by whole verse)**

*Officiant*    Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
                  call upon him when he draws near.

*All*           **Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

*Officiant*    And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*All*           **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

*Officiant*    For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*All*           **For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,**

*Officiant*    Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

*All*           **So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;**

*Officiant*    But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

*All*           **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading .....1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But 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.

*Officiant* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 15: The Song of Mary** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

*Officiant* My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*All* **From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.**

*Officiant* He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

*All* **He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

*Officiant* He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

*All* **He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

*Officiant* He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*All* **The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

*Officiant* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Sequence Hymn 411** “O Bless the Lord, my Soul (verses 1-2 and 5)”

O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.

He clothes thee with his love,  
upholds thee with his truth;  
and like the eagle he renews  
the vigor of thy youth.

**The Gospel ..... Luke 6:27-38**

*Reader*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

‘But 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.’

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon..... Dinushka DeSilva**

**Apostles' Creed**

*All*            **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you

*All* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer** (*Officiant and People*)

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



## Suffrages A

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*All* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*All* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*All* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*All* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*All* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*All* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*All* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Solo by Matthew Johnson** “Thy Word”..... Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant

## Collect

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Collect for Grace

*Officiant* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Intercessional Prayer**

*Officiant* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## **Intercessory Prayers**

*Reader* As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

*Reader prays for all prayer requests.*

*Reader* We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, Sue, Ray, Susie, and Craig.

*Reader* We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one, especially Harold Hamilton and Joseph Mayo.

*Officiant* O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

*All* Amen.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*All* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love**

**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

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

*All* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 460 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

*Officiant* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia