

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 23, 2025 ✦ 8:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

The Prelude and Postlude today have been chosen in honor of Black History Month.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Feb. 24

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's Guild meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 7:00 pm Taizé service and reception

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Group

Thursday, Feb. 20

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, Mar. 2

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Processional Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal #657

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy life re - ceive.
 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be.

9
 fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 Let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee.

17
 Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

25
 vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Hyfrydol," Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

- The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Collect of the DayBook of Common Prayer p. 164
- The First Lesson..... Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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 plowing 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.

The Response Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 (Book of Common Prayer p. 633)

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

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

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Holy Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, ²⁷"I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do 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. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be 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; ³⁸give, 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."

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328
 The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331
 The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332
 The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:
 Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **Hymnal #390**

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 Praise to the Lord: o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly reign - eth:
 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;
 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his saints he sus - tain - eth.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song. sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 Hast thou not seen how all thou need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. "Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: "Lobe den Herren," melody from "Erneuerten Gesangbuch," 1665; harm. "The Chorale Book for England," 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971); Descant, © 1953, Novello and Company Limited. Used by permission.

The Postlude

Soon And Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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