



## **Mission Statement**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

## **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 20, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

**Enriching our Worship**

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## The Word of God

**Entrance Hymn 391**

**Before the Lord's eternal throne**

Isaac Watts

1. Before the Lord's eternal throne, ye nations, bow with sacred joy; know that the Lord is God alone; he can create, and he destroy.
2. His sovereign power without our aid formed us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wandering sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3. We are his people, we his care, our souls, and all our mortal frame: what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to thy Name?
4. We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs, high as the heaven our voices raise; and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
5. Wide as the world is thy command, vast as eternity thy love; firm as a rock thy truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move.

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Glory to God S280**

Richard Felciano

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

## Collect of the Day

*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.

## Lessons

*The congregation is seated*

*Lector* A reading from Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Flo Webster

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.

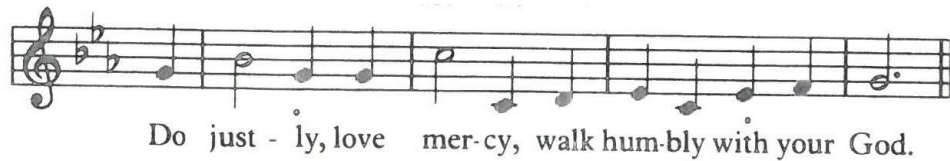
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land 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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*



- 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. R
- 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. R
- 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. R

*Lector*

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.

Lector        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
People        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**Sequence Hymn 204        Now the green blade riseth        John Macleod**

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that spring-eth green.
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that never he would wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; Love is come again like wheat that spring-eth green.

### **The Gospel**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:27-38  
*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



*with sparkling water, clear white light,  
twinkling stars and sharp colours,  
over and over again.*

*We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;  
that God believes in us, and trusts us,  
even though we make the same mistakes  
over and over again.*

*We commit ourselves  
to Jesus,  
to one another as brothers and sisters,  
and to the Maker's business in the world.*

*God said: Let there be light  
Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Susan Schubert

*Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us call to God for the needs of the world and the church, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring of the Spirit's gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the liberation of all oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, and for all who guide and teach along the way, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who in their illness look to us for strength and healing in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

*[The Intercessor will offer names from our parish prayer list. Then the congregation is invited to unmute their individual channels to offer their petitions.]*

For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death, especially [...], let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

*[Members of the congregation may add names at this time.]*

*Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your favor comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Make of us your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever. Amen.*

### **The Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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 Peace**

*All stand as you are able. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.



*Then the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Announcements**

Pat Roberts

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you**

Richard Gillard

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The Celebrant faces the people and says*

**The Sursum corda**

*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.

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

## Hymn S 128

## Holy, Holy, holy Lord.

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

**S161**

**Lamb of God**

said in unison

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*In the Episcopal Church, all persons (adults and children) are welcome at the Lord's Table. We offer the sacrament in one kind – bread.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, when you come to the altar, please cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest of your wish.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Sending Out Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love**

Thomas Colvin

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. Refrain
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you. Refrain
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves; this is the way we should live with you. Refrain

**The Dismissal**

*Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.*

## Assisting with the service today

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