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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

Invocation

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

O LORD, be my helper!"

Psalm 30:10

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Psalm 43:3

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

Which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Proverbs 4:18

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isaiah 2:5

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We deserve Your punishment, now and for eternity. Merciful God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

- ♪ O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
- ♪ O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
- ♪ ‘Tis He forgives thy sins; ‘Tis He relieves thy pain;
‘Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.
- ♪ He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov’ reign pow’r to save.

♪ He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the oppressed.
♪ His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

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The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

♪ Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

♪ Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

♪ Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

♪ Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And 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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God 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 tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down

here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, 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. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

- ♪ Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears. Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

♪ Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

Proclamation of the Word

“What Love!”

Luke 6:27-36

Response Hymn

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

♪ When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love as He hung on the tree.
~What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary. What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
♪ For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. ~What kind...
♪ You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. ~What kind...
♪ What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.

My life with God- this I owe To You, and You alone. ~What kind....

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Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Sanctus *Music: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" Hymn 917 "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"*

♪ Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spirit did behold

High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,

With robes that filled the temple courts with light.

♪ Above the throne were flaming seraphim; Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.

With two they veiled their faces as was right,

With two they humbly hid their feet from sight.

♪ And with the other two aloft they soared; One to the other called and praised the Lord:

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!

Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!

♪ Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry.

And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

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The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei Hymn

"Lamb of God"

♪ Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side

To walk upon this guilty sod, And to be called the Lamb of God.

~O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

♪ Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:

The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ~O Lamb...

♪ I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side

To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. ~O Lamb....

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Distribution Hymn

“God Loved the World”

- ♪ God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- ♪ Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- ♪ God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
- ♪ Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- ♪ If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- ♪ Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- ♪ Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, 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 ev’ry trembling heart.
- ♪ Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
- ♪ Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy host above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.
- ♪ 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 heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Postlude

Door Offering *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*