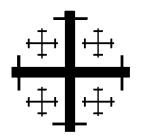
Epiphany VII

23 February 2025

8 & 11 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

Prelude

[8] Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Les Petites Soeurs Setting by David Cherwien, c. 2017

[11] Oh, How Great is Christ the Lord, Calvary Youth Hearts Delight Joanne Meis [1944-2023] Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios Harp duo

Please stand and face the Baptismal Font Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

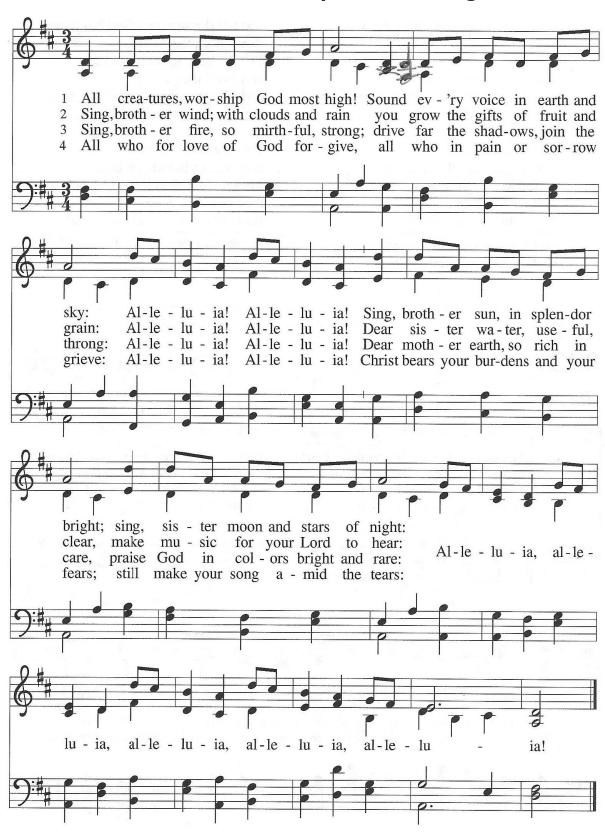
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen

Entrance All Creatures Worship God Most High



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Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [Greek Lord Have Mercy]



Gloria in Excelsis



Prayer of the Day



P Let us pray...O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated

First Reading 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." 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 37 Cantors sing refrain, all echo & sing ff. verses



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- 1. Don't fret about those who do evil. Don't envy those who do wrong. For like the grass they'll wither like green plants they'll fade away. Trust the Lord and do good. Dwell in God's land; feast on its riches.

 Refrain
- 2. When you delight in the Lord God gives you your heart's desire. God lights up your good deeds like new dawn; your just acts like noonday sun. Still yourself before God. Wait patiently for the Lord.

 Refrain
- 3. Don't fret about plots that succeed, when wicked ones pull off their schemes. Don't fret, it leads to evil. God cuts off the evil ones. Cease your anger and rage. Hope in the Lord; inherit God's land.

 Refrain

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

³⁵But someone 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.

L The Word of the Lord

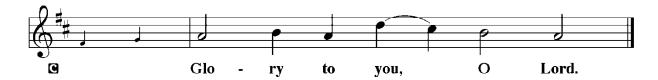
C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia Verse & Gospel Acclamations



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter

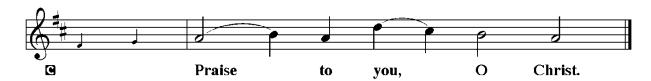


[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone 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."

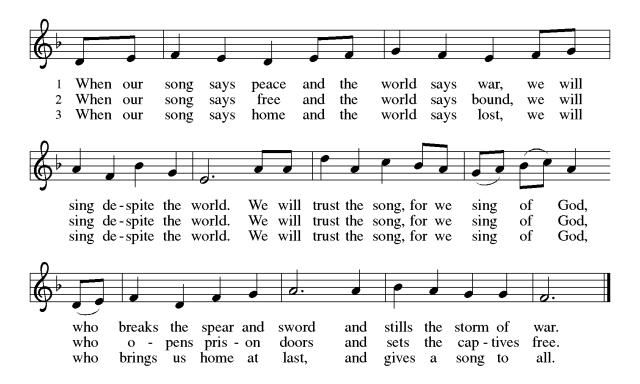
P The Gospel of our Lord



Sermon Pr Kyle Rouze

Hymn of the Day

When Our Song Says Peace



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Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

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 into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He descended into hell. 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

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer** concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you

Offertory [8] Be Thou My Vision

Tune: *Slane,* Irish Folk melody Setting Michael Burkhardt, c. 1993 and 2018

[11] His Eye is on the Sparrow

Civilla Martin, Charles H. Gabriel arr. Jack Schrader Sanctuary Choir

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He: For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free! For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

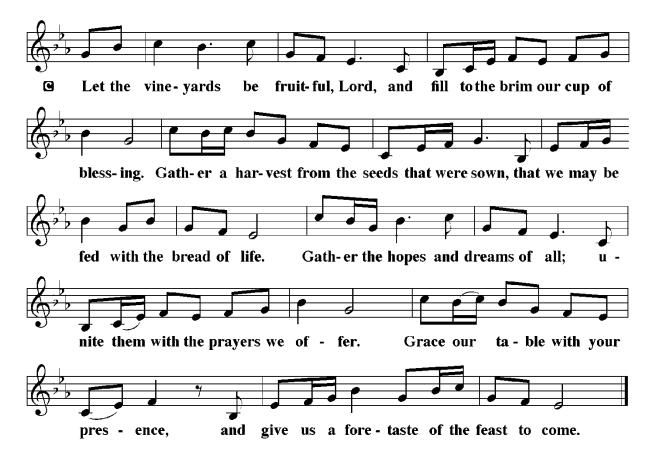
"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear, And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.

Though on the path, He leads me, O, just one step I see, For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free! For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

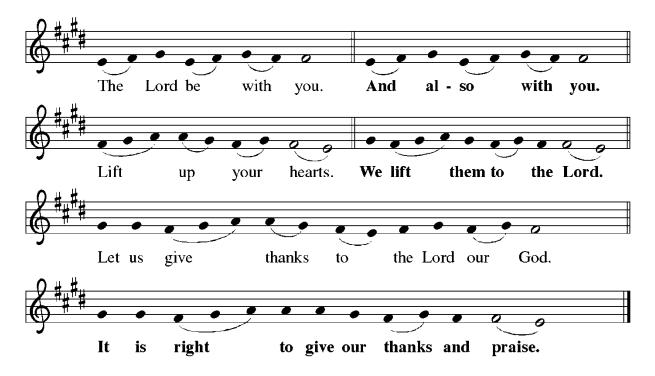


Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

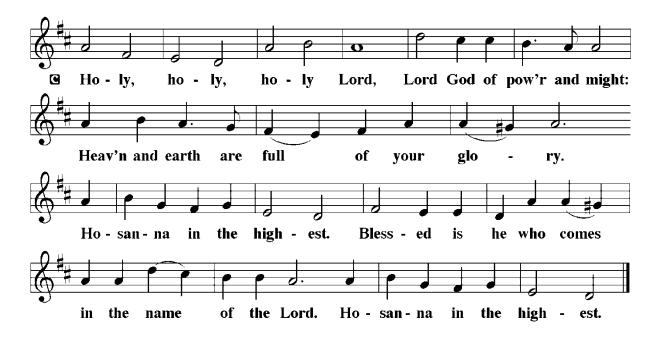
The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and merciful God through our savior, Jesus Christ, Who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant Light

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]



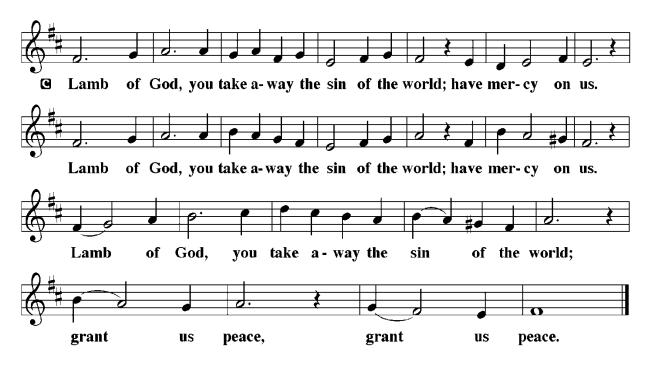
Eucharistic Prayer





- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray
 C 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, forever and ever. Amen
- P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]





Holy Communion

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.
Wine is Red Grape Juice is White
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

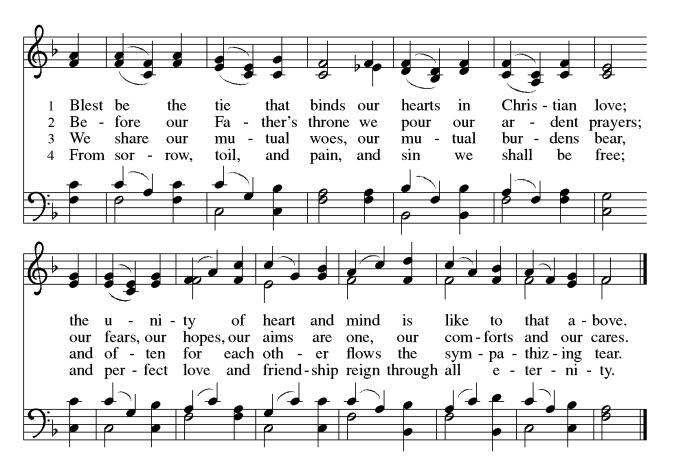
Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Communion Morning Mist Joy Slavens [2018] Harp duo

One or more of the following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

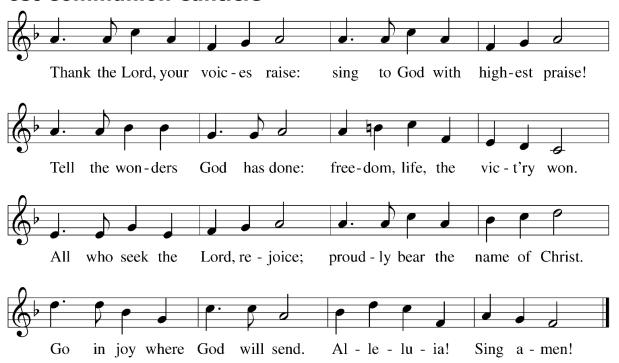
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

C Amen

Post Communion Canticle



Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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A Let us pray... We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

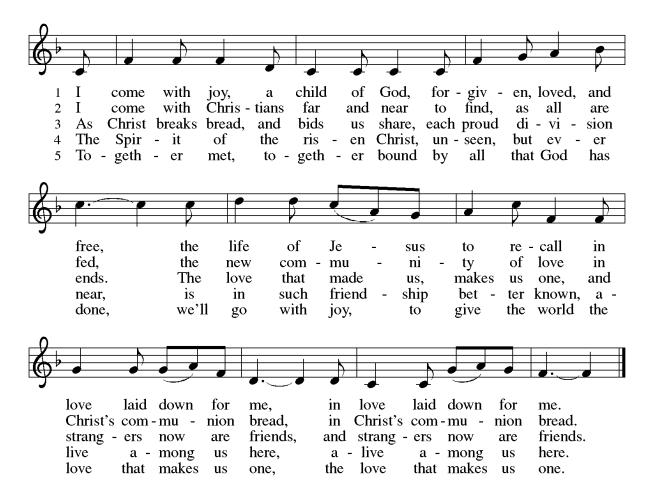
C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you
peace

C Amen

Sending

I Come with Joy



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude With Joy Unending

Edward Broughton, c. 2005

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Sanctuary Choir

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Commemorations This Week

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156 Sunday, February 23, 2025

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921 Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633 Saturday, March 1, 2025

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.