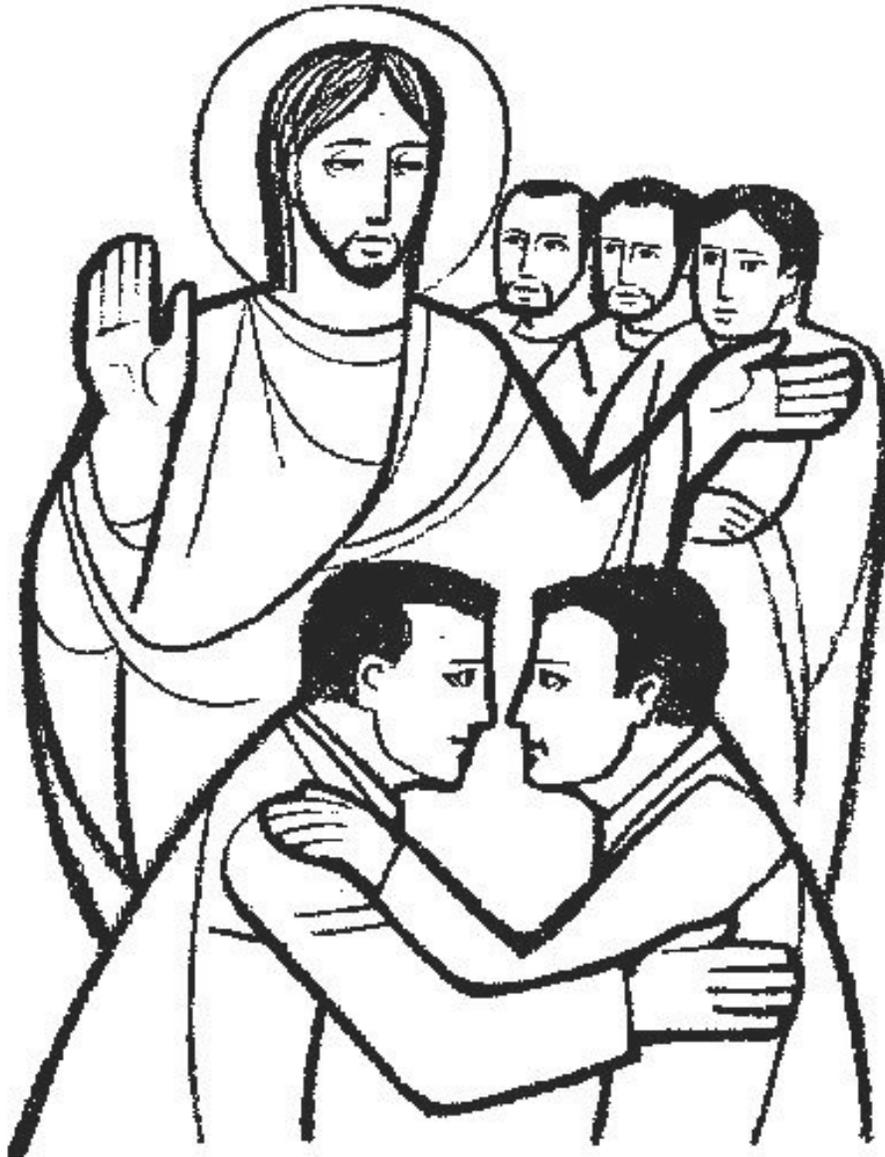


7th Sunday After Epiphany



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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: As we prepare to come into the light of Christ, let us call to mind our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for self-examination.

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess that we have tried to hide our sins and stay in the shadows. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, You come with God's light of compassion and love. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our weakness and seek the Spirit's strength. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, You come with signs of healing and new life. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us when we do not see your presence in our lives. Lord, have mercy.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

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.**

**Canticle
Of Praise**

Gloria

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a round.*

Text: Traditional

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like him through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Word God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

First Reading — *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

A reading from Genesis

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.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

¹Do not fret yourself because of ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass, and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD¹ and do good; dwell in the land and feed ¹ on its riches.

⁴**Take delight ¹ in the LORD, and he shall give you your ¹ heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your ¹ trust in him,
and he will bring ¹ it to pass.

⁶**He will make your righteousness as clear ¹ as the light
and your just dealing ¹ as the noonday.**

⁷Be still be- ¹ fore the LORD and wait patient- ¹ ly for him.

⁸**Do not fret yourself over the ¹ one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.**

⁹Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.

¹⁰For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.

¹¹In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will ¹ not be there.

¹²But the lowly shall pos- ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun- ¹ dance of peace.

⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes ¹ from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.

⁴²The LORD will help them and ¹ rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek ref- ¹ uge in him.

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

A reading from 1 Corinthians

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.

P: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #174 ELW

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Alleluia. Love your enemies, and you will be children of ' the Most High;*
forgive, and you will ' be forgiven. *Alleluia.* (Luke 6:35,37)

Holy Gospel — Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do 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. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Be 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; ³⁸ 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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 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 Prayer of Intercession

P: As the Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so with the Son, we are bold to pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all people, according to their needs.

A brief silence.

P: Lord, Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy, just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Look upon our world with mercy, and grant us to delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Help us to disagree respectfully and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Console hearts that long for your mercy and forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled, especially those we name before you..... God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks and praise for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

Thanksgiving We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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**Canticle
Of
Thanks
Giving
#470
Green**

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;

for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that Ad - am's heirs might live,
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.

Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new

fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo. 1634–1703; hymnal tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
Music: FRIEDRICH SCHERER, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, arr. J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us; renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

LS #125

Forgive Our Sin as We Forgive

1 "For - give our sins as we for-give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease;

9

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727
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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Let Christ's light shine in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE —

MARCH 2, 3:30 PM—St. Peter's 7:00 PM — Christ Lutheran, Manchester

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As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!



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