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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

10:00 AM

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome
(Ken Stoops, organ)

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

WELCOME

Father Robert Gahler

OPENING HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

The Hymnal 1982 #490

Please rise.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

a tempo

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Trinity Kids are now invited to join their teachers in the rear of the church for Sunday School!

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

text from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan Merrill

All are invited to sing the refrain. The choir will offer the verses.

The musical score is set in G major and 12/8 time. It consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line with the lyrics "God's love, God's love, God's" and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with the lyrics "love is ev - er - last - ing." and a piano accompaniment. The third system is a piano accompaniment consisting of two staves. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 12/8. The piano part features chords and melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

REFRAIN

*Give no heed to those who are greedy, attend not to those who do wrong.
For, like the green grass of spring, they soon fade and wither away.
Trust in the Most High, and seek goodness; Live harmoniously upon the earth in peace with
assurance.
Take delight in the Beloved, Enjoy the bountiful gifts of Love.*

*Commit your life to the Beloved, Confident that Love will act on your behalf,
Making clear your pathway, Bright as the sun at midday.
Be still before the Beloved, and wait patiently in the silence;
Pray for those who prosper by deceitful means, And for those who live by their own devices.*

*Recognize your own anger as an unfulfilled desire,
and lift your thoughts to higher planes;
For those who act out of anger separate themselves from Love;
And those who live in harmony shall know peace, assurance, gratitude and love.*

REFRAIN

*In a little while, those who live with greed will prosper no more;
The darkness of ignorance will pass, as a new dawn enlightens the world.
The lovers of darkness shall perish, while the humble shall inherit the earth,
And delight themselves in sharing its abundance with all.*

*The saving grace of the upright comes from the Beloved; Love is their refuge in times of trouble.
Love leads the way and they arrive home safely
Delivered from those who tempt them with power.
Love invites all to open their hearts.*

REFRAIN

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38,42-50

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

sequence

Be Thou My Vision

The Hymnal 1982 #488

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.

Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt.
Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 6:27-38

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 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. 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. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

sermon

Father Robert Gahler

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A Litany for Social Justice
Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries of the Episcopal Church*

Intercessor: Creator of All, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name
of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the
Church. God, enliven the Church for its mission:

People: **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Intercessor: Breathe fresh life into your people.

People: **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Intercessor: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People: **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Intercessor: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Intercessor: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the
lives of others,

People: **That all may act with integrity and courage.-**

Intercessor: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People: **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Intercessor: We pray for those we now name silently or aloud.

(All are invited to offer their prayers silently or aloud at this time.)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People: **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Intercessor: Make us willing agents of your compassion.
People: **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Intercessor: Give comfort to those who mourn.
People: **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Intercessor: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People: **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

Intercessor: Lord, you have called us to serve you.
People: **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Enriching Our Worship

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY INVITATION

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OFFERTORY

Total Praise
(Trinity Choir)

Richard Smallwood

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

FRACTION

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God; holy food for holy people.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We welcome ALL to come forward to receive Communion as a sign of God's love in and for our lives. We offer both bread and non-alcoholic wine at the time of communion. BREAD- please extend your hands to receive a piece of bread (or ask for a gluten-free cracker) WINE- we ask that you drink from the chalice as it is offered to you. Please let an usher know if you would like the bread/wine brought to you and if you would like a gluten free option. Please be seated until you are invited to come forward.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Nearer, My God, to Thee
(Chelsie Cree, soprano; and Heidi Clausius, piano)

arr. Tom Trenney

COMMUNION HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LEVAS #106

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BENEDICTION

*This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve our Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine All Love's Excelling

*The Hymnal 1982 #657
See next page for music.*

POSTLUDE

*Old 120th
(Ken Stoops, organ)*

arr. David Thorne

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine All Love's Excelling

The Hymnal 1982 #657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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