

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

February 20, 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

\* Indicates please stand

*Due to COVID, please sing all hymns silently in your heart rather than out loud.*

Hymns from the *Lift Every Voice and Sing* hymnals are marked with an **L** in front of the hymn number. All other hymns will be found in the customary "blue" hymnals in the pew.

**Prelude** *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663–1712)

**\*Hymn** Commit thou all that grieves thee (*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*) Hymnal # 669 vs. 1 & 4

## **\*Opening Acclamation**

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

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

## **\*Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **\*Gloria**

**Hymnal S-280**

## **\*The Collect of The Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

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.*

## **First Lesson**

**Genesis 45:3–11, 15**

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 37:1–12, 41–42**

*Noli aemulari*

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.

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.

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.

**The Epistle Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:35–38,42–50**

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 6:27–38**

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

*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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Megan Castellan**

**The Nicene Creed**

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

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.

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 from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

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 worshiped  
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**

Let us be still and patient before the Lord, as we offer our prayers and thanksgivings, responding, “Hear us, God of glory.”

+ That the power of the Holy Spirit may be sent into the heart of the world, uniting peoples everywhere with the true bonds of forgiveness and peace; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ That those who till the land on small farms may have bountiful crops, trusting that what is sown in the fertile soil of God’s love will be harvested with joy and thanksgiving; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ For those holding elected office, and all of us who can influence them, that together we may take responsibility of finding answers to the problems that plague our cities, especially economic injustice and poverty, illiteracy, and fractured family life; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ For spiritual transformation throughout our Church, as we refrain from the gossip that divides us, the bitterness that blocks forgiveness, the condemnation that distorts God’s image in others, and the greed that diminishes generosity; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ In thanksgiving for God’s compassion working in our lives to restore us to wholeness of mind, body, and spirit, saving us from ourselves, and releasing us to witness to his love; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ In thanksgiving for men and women who serve as missionaries in foreign lands, and for those followers of Jesus who are being persecuted for their faith; may their faith inspire our own; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

+ For all who have died in the faith of the Church, that they may have a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, God of glory.*

Holy Spirit of the living God, pour your love into our hearts, as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Dave	Wes	Joan	Judy	Sara	Howie
Amelia	Jean	Laurie	Tina	Jon	George
Mary	Vivian	Theodore	Carl	James	Cece
Tom	Sarah	Margaret	Jennifer	Jonathan	Dean
Giovanni	Felice	Elaine	Ovie	Paula	
Cindy	Edith	Pat	Stanley	Carol	
Dan	Elaine	Heather	Carol	Lorraine	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:  
Rosemary McKee

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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

**Please remain in your pew. Wave!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

### Announcements & Welcome

### Offertory Sentence

**Organ Offertory** *Lobe den Herrren*

Max Reger (1873–1916)

**\*Presentation Hymn** Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (*Chereponi*)

Hymnal L # 74 vs. 1–3

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

## Expanded Language Prayer A

**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:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Hymnal S-129**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## The Communion of the People

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*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.*

## Blessing

**\*Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*Lobe den Herren*)

**Hymnal # 390**

## Dismissal

**Postlude** *Lobe den Herren*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

**Liturgical Ministers:** Jeff Bowen, Pam Talbott, Margaret Johnson

**Virtual Vergers:** Michael Roman, Sara VanLooy

*Choral Music Sung by the St. John's Cyber Choir*

**Commit thou all that grieves thee (*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*)**

**Hymnal #669**

1 Commit thou all that grieves thee  
and fills thy heart with care  
to him whose faithful mercy  
the skies above declare,  
who gives the winds their courses,  
who points the clouds their way;  
’tis he will guide they footsteps  
and be thy staff and stay.

4 Hope on, then, broken spirit;  
hope on, be not afraid:  
fear not the griefs that plague thee  
and keep thy heart dismayed:  
thy God, in his great mercy,  
will save thee, hold thee fast,  
and in his own time grant thee  
the sun of joy at last.

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (*Chereponi*)**

**Hymnal L#74**

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 folk 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 these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]  
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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*Lobe den Herren*)**

**Hymnal #390**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of  
creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and  
salvation:  
Join the great throng,  
psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously  
reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he  
sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way  
and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend  
thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore  
him!

All that hath life and come now with praises  
before him!

Let the "amen"  
sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him  
.





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Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

**Cyber Choir** welcomes new participants. For info, see our Director of Music/Organist Karen Hindenlang after the service or contact her through the church office.

**Please Join Us:** Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

*Forward Day by Day* for February, March, and April is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES**, for those who use them, are on the table in the back of the nave. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home with you at your earliest convenience. If you do not find your envelopes, or have never had envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the parish office: (607) 273-6532 or [office@stjohnsithaca.org](mailto:office@stjohnsithaca.org).

**NEWCOMERS:** We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers. It is good to have you with us! Please help us get to know you by filling out one of the welcome cards in the pews and placing it on the collection plate or giving it to one of the ushers.

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