

THE HOLY BAPTISM: RITE II / EOW

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 am • February 23, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

The Voluntary: Aria Craig Phillips

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 304. I come with joy to meet my Lord Land of rest

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE 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, 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1–12, 41–42. Noli aemulari

We will sing the psalm in unison. S-411



- 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 a- / way.
- 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 de- / sire.
- 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 a-/lone; * 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.
- 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.
- 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 SECOND LESSON

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.

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People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

593. Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

Emilia Violet Gallardo

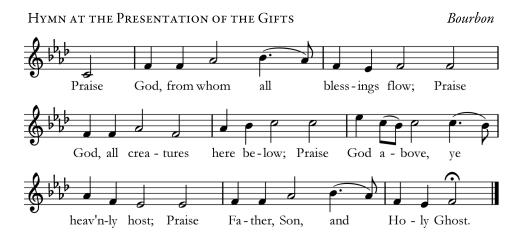
THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Know That God Loves You

Carson Cooman

Know that God loves you. God's command is this: Love one another as I have loved you. For neither death nor life, nor present nor future, shall separate us from the love of God.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS: S 129, Robert Powell

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

Fraction Anthem: S 163, Robert Powell

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these

holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's body and blood.

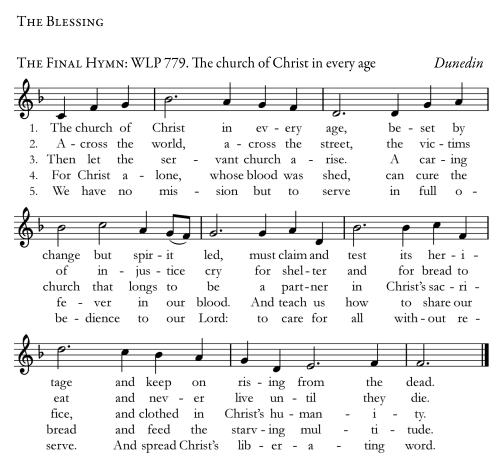
People We who are many are one body,

because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CG 27

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



The Dismissal

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

The Voluntary: Prelude in B-flat attrib. J. S. Bach

Church of the Nativity Vestry 2025

Wardens Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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NATIVITY PRAYER LIST

For the sick in our community: Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Carl, Eva, Ilia, Jack, Jan, Jane, Jill, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Montez, Nancy, Shari

For our friends, family, and neighbors: Anthony, Charlie, Danielle, Edward, Emma, Evonne, Florence, Gemma, Geralyn, Jeff, Jer, John, Kate, Keili, Lori, Mary Kay, Michael, Rosalie, Roy, Sam, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Tim

For those expecting a child: Hannah and David, Juliana and Jonathan, Laura and Michael, Corey and Michael, Catie and Steve, Erika and Adam. We give thanks for the birth of Willow Marie Smith, child of Brad and Shelby.

For those who have died: Georgia Mustafa, Bob Jacobs, Joshua Adcox







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We thank the following people for their service today:

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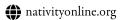
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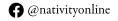
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