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DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 20, 2021, 10 a.m.

PRESIDER

Richard Hendricks

READER

Nani Banks

OPENING AND CONFESSION

The presider is seated informally (no procession).

Please stand as able for the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

Hymnal #304

OPENING SENTENCE

ISAIAH 60:3

(BCP p. 76)

Presider: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

(BCP p. 79)

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed, followed by the congregation saying together:

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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.



JUBILATE

PSALM 100

(BCP p. 82)

The Presider and the People read responsively.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

Please be seated.

THE PSALM

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

(BCP p. 633)

- 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.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

NANI BANKS

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.

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

Thanks be to God.



Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 13

A SONG OF PRAISE

(BCP p. 90)

*The Presider and the **People** read responsively.*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38,42-50

NANI BANKS

A READING FROM PAUL'S 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.

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Thanks be to God.



Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 16

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

(BCP pp. 92-93)

*The Presider and the **People** read responsively.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Please be seated.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 6:27-38

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

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."

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

Thanks be to God.



THE HOMILY

written by THE REV. CHARLES HOFFACKER
Episcopal Priest and Writer

www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/how-joseph-became-a-gift-giving-man-epiphany-7-c-2019/

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(BCP p. 96)

Please stand as able.

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 to the dead. 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 PRAYERS

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 97)

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.

SUFFRAGES B

(BCP p. 98)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 forever. **Amen.**



A COLLECT FOR PEACE

(BCP p. 99)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

*The Presider and **People** pray responsively.*

Rejoicing in the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord God, grant that your Church may offer her worship in holiness and reverence. Give to Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop and to all your people the spirit of prophecy, to make known the message of salvation and to praise your mighty works.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Lord God, strengthen your people in the bonds of love as in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and in our diocese for the work and witness of St. John the Baptist in Lodi.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Lord God, reveal your love and power to the people who walk in darkness, and by your grace lighten the dark places of our world. Grant to Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, Eric our Mayor, and to all in authority ears attentive to the voices of wisdom and truth. May all people live in peace and safety.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Lord God bless our homes and families; bless all those close to us. May we grow together in real love and charity, and by our lives proclaim your care for all people.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Have mercy O Lord, on all who suffer. Comfort those who mourn or are lonely. Be with the sick and distressed. Among those who have asked for our prayers we remember Stan, Rita, Sandy, Laura, and Patrick. Lighten the darkness that seems to close around them.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

O Lord, we pray for all those who have died and now rejoice in a greater light than this world can give. Grant that we in our time may depart in peace and find salvation.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Almighty God, hear our prayer and fulfill your purposes in us as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



A PRAYER FOR MISSION

(BCP p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, **by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

(BCP p. 102)

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

(BCP p. 102)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Hymnal #390

~Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour. ~

If you are new to St. Michael's, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Michael's Zoom Evening Prayer, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

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OUR MISSION

The people of St. Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL His children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or developmental disability.

This service conforms to Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two, which begins on page 75 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW) and the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS).