

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



February 20, 2022, 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Morning Prayer

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Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Children's Focus

Wendy Doherty

Opening Hymn #383 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journey run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise. Psalm 51.18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near;
let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let
them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he
will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8, 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with
penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain
forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

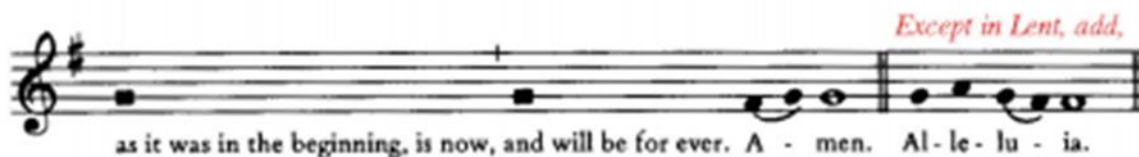
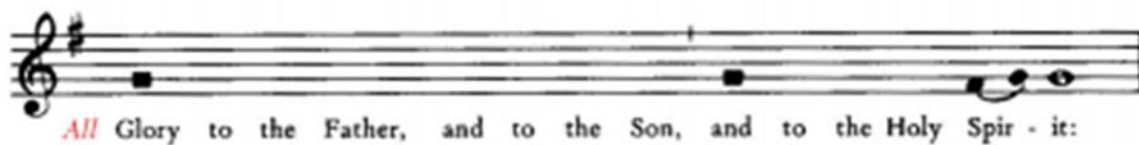
All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

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 neighbours 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

(all stand)



The Invitatory

The Lord is our light and our life: **O come, let us worship.**

Venite

Psalm 95.1–7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**
And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.**

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

Jacky Hall Buckland

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.^[a]

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹² "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 37

George Black



Trust in God and do good, set-tle down and be at peace.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in God and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in God, who will give you your heart's desire. **R.**

Commit your way to God and put your trust in the Holy One,
and God will surely bring it to pass.
God will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday. **R.**

Be still before the Most High and wait patiently for God.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. **R.**

But their deliverance of the righteous comes from God;
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.
God will help them and rescue them;
save them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in the Most High. **R.**

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

Sara Gateman

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you

sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Gradual Hymn "With All My Affection"

**With all my affection, all my understanding
Lord, I worship You.**

**With my every action, all my spirit's passion,
Lord, I worship You. (Repeat)**

Chorus:

**There's no higher call than loving You with my life.
There's no higher ground than kneeling down before You.
Lord, I surrender. (Repeat)**

I worship, worship.

**With all my affection, all my understanding
Lord, I worship You.
With my every action, all my spirit's passion,
Lord, I worship You.
Lord, I worship You**

Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38

Tim Pope

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

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

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 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? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and 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 and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem “Entertain the Angels ” – by Heather Sorenson

Two people who are neighbors, but really live like strangers,
focused on the cares of their own lives;
one having plenty, the other’s hands are empty,
both beloved in the Father’s eyes.

We’ve a thousand solutions, if they’d just agree.
We’ve forgotten we were once the “least of these.”

And grace is not grace unless it’s free.

May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed,
touch the diseased as if they were God.

And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.

We’re afraid of the outcast, afraid of the contrast,

afraid they might diminish our own light.
So we cling to excuses, disguised by the verses,
we claim as the reason that we're right.
We've told them before, why did they not learn?
As if grace were something people could earn.
As if grace were something anyone deserves.
May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed,
touch the diseased as if they were God.
And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.

We were once the outcast, the broken and the falling.
May we never push away the people You are calling.
May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed,
touch the diseased as if they were God.
And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.

The Apostles' Creed *(all stand)*

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **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**

Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Keith Griffioen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for St. George, Stettler and The Rev. K. David Holmes and The Rev. Jack Schulze.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those involved in Men's and Women's Groups: Evening Group, Friendship Group, Men's Group and the Cursillo Community.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All **Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #487 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst swells God's begotten Son'
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honoured by God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.**

Dismissal **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**

Postlude “Sinfonia in D Major” (Allegro) by G. Torelli
Keith Griffioen, trumpet and Mary Lee Voort, organ

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory
of Jim by Dora.

Thank you to our musicians today:
Joanne Collier, Brandon DeGorter,
Keith Griffioen, Karen Hudson, and Mary Lee Voort.

Thank you to our technical crew this morning:
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