

## Opening Voluntary

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is like it:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.*

### The Peace

Christ has broken down the dividing wall that made us strangers to one another; he has made us one humanity that God might be all in all; he is our life, our hope, our peace.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*And also with you.*

Gloria in excelsis deo

Book of Common Prayer, p. 356

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

God of kindness, interrupting our vicious cycles of resentment and revenge: teach us to walk the way of forgiveness beyond all accounting, and to love the gift that has no measure; through Jesus Christ, who died for all. *Amen.*

### 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’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.*

**The Gradual** *Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 (read responsively by whole verse)*

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 the Lord and do good; \*

dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

*Take delight in the Lord, \**

*and he shall give you your heart’s desire.*

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*

and he will bring it to pass.

*He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \**

*and your just dealing as the noonday.*

Be still before the Lord \*

and wait patiently for him.

*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.

*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.

*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.

*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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*Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

*Hyfrydol*

### The Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:27-38*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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 Christ.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Donnell

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

### The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, do to others as you would have them do to you. Let us pray for others, saying, “We have come before you, O God; *and here will we wait for you.*”

Merciful God, help us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us. It is a hard thing for us. Make us merciful, just as you are merciful.

*Silence*

We have come before you, O God;

*And here will we wait for you.*

Holy God, make your justice shine like the noonday sun. Vindicate the meek; save the righteous; rescue those who find their refuge in you.

*Silence*

We have come before you, O God;

*And here will we wait for you.*

We pray, Creator God, for those who experience the pangs of hunger. We cry to you for those dying of starvation. Bless them with provision. Give us a new appreciation for the abundance in our lives.

You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.

*Silence*

We have come before you, O God;

*And here will we wait for you.*

Heal families. Heal our families. Heal the families in our community. Mend our divisions. Make us ministers of reconciliation.

*Silence*

We have come before you, O God;

*And here will we wait for you.*

Heal these bodies, O God, that you have made from the dust of the earth. Deliver us, and those for whom we now pray, from our infirmities.

You are invited to add your own petitions.

*Silence*

We have come before you, O God;

*And here will we wait for you.*

Raise in power those who have died in weakness, mighty Redeemer. Raise to imperishability those who have died in the flesh. Raise those whose bodies have returned to the dust to greater and eternal glory.

*Silence*

We have come before you, O God;

*And here will we wait for you.*

### Concluding Collect

O God, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken by drinking from the chalice (please help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available by request, by placing one hand across your chest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to receive it.*

### The Offertory

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

### Sursum Corda and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit S-128

*William Mathias (1934-1992)*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Fraction Anthem S-155

*Gerald Near (b.1942)*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*God of the wedding feast, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.*

### The Blessing

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies; may Christ, who enters the water of baptism, lead us to die to all but love; may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*Thanks be to God!*

### Voluntary for the Procession

*Please remain in place until the procession is completed.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.*

*Breakfast will follow in Stirling Hall.*

*Today is Jacob Navarro's last Sunday as our interim organist. Thank you, Jacob!*

### Serving today:

Lector: Lillian Carsten  
Intercessor: Carolyn Taylor  
Chalice: Bob Allen  
Usher: Mary Louise Durant  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Michael Johnson  
Bread Baker: Hans Rufer  
Doorkeeper: Baldwin Sanders  
Breakfast: Elva Goldman, Maggie Prestridge, Michael Johnson, Brian Allison  
Flowers: Sheri Hewitt  
LEV: Molly Allison (Wilson)

### Upcoming schedule:

Sun, Feb 23 7:45a Nursery opens  
8a Holy Eucharist, church  
9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall  
9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm  
9:15a-10:15a Godly Play classes, Parish House (upstairs)  
9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm  
10:30a Holy Eucharist, church  
Reception follows, Parish House  
Mon, Feb 24 7p AA, Smith Rm  
Tue, Feb 25 6p Contemplative prayer class  
Wed, Feb 26 8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall  
6p AA, Smith Rm  
Sat, Mar 1 2p Prism, Youth Rm  
Wed, Mar 5 12N Ash Wednesday liturgy & imposition of ashes, church  
6p Ash Wednesday liturgy & imposition of ashes, church

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Undra Dunning, Church Sexton



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**8:00 AM**

**February 23, 2025**

Welcome to All Saints!

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being.

*Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304*

If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: office@allsaintsmobile.org

Sign up for our parish newsletter! <https://www.allsaintsmobile.net/the-herald/>

New to The Episcopal Church? Here are a few websites that can help explain our style of worship and any unfamiliar terminology (watch any videos later!):

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/dfms/what-to-expect-when-you-visit/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/who-we-are/lgbtq/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/>

**We begin worship in holy silence.**

*Please turn OFF all cell phones. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by "S" are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in **Bold Italics** are said by the congregation.*

**Please keep in your prayers . . .**

**For healing for:** Peggy Barnett, the Simpson family, the Carr family, Monica Webb, Gail Bramer, Beth Hardaway, the Landrum family, James Lee Quinn, Monica Thompson, Mary Hunter Slaton, Chip Deupree, Clayton Ryan, Renee K. Dillard, Dana Pollock, Cora Lou Robinson, Paul and Tracy, Geneva Piloto, Karen Bullock, Buck Baker, Albert Corte, Robin Steele, Lequita Adkins, Phyllis Smith, Ruth LaMonte, Bryan LaPorte, Emily Callaway, Will Strickland, Sue Elledge, Bruce Barrett, Lister Thomas, David Powers, Sue Aiken Zundel, Nick Nichols, Meg Stojanik, Jan Cade, Chuck Salmon, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Caden Gray, Mary, Richard Cade, Jr., Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Staci Smith, Andi Barrett, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Frieda Kennedy, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Donna Bowcock, Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Garn Menell, Shannon Cook  
**For those who serve in the armed forces:** especially Bernie Waters, David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Nyirou Kuot, Matt Abbot, Stephen Rollins, Trevor Thiel

**For those who have died.**

*\*Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed.*