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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

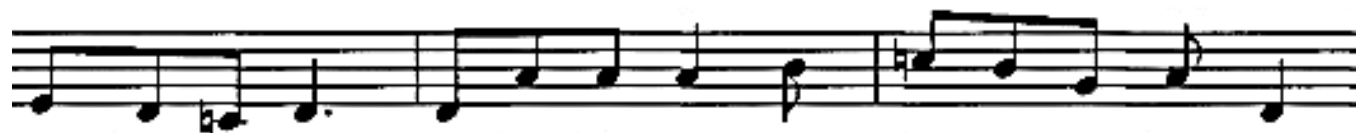
Sunday, February 23, 2025

Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Here In This Place"



Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

OPENING ACCLAMATION: FOR EPIPHANY

Book of Common Prayer p. 145

Celebrant
People

I will make you as a light for the nations,
 That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth

WELCOME

Fr John Roberts, Rector

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then follows the Summary of the Law,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40^T

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and people pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE TRISAGION

or this

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

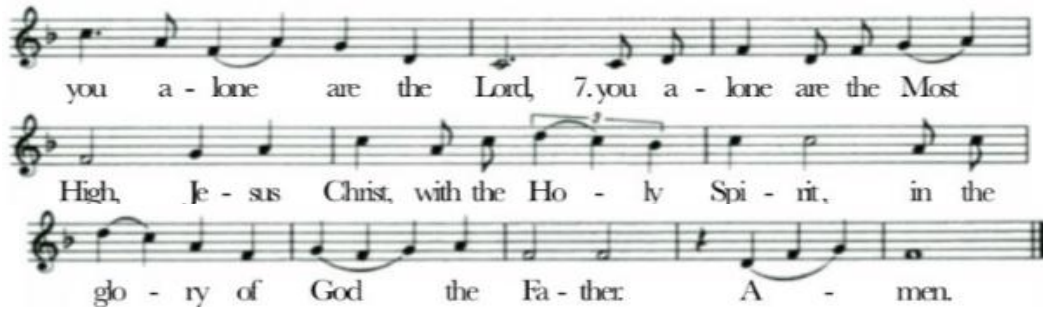
Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King al - might - y God and Fa - ther; we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther; Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Celebrant It is time to dismiss the children to the Chapel and to our Lord's invitation, "Let the children come unto me."

People **For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.** LUKE 18:16

One parent or guardian of a participating child please take your child to meet today's Children's Chapel leaders in the back of the Church.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28

New International Version

³ 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.

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.'..."

²¹ So the sons of Israel did this. Joseph gave them carts, as Pharaoh had commanded, and he also gave them provisions for their journey. ²² To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes. ²³ And this is what he sent to his father: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for his journey.

²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, "Don't quarrel on the way!"

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. ²⁶ They told him,

“Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt.” Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, “I’m convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37:8-17

The New Coverdale Psalter - BCP 2019

⁸ Refrain from wrath, and let go of anger; *

fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do evil.

⁹ **For evildoers shall be rooted out, ***

**but those who wait patiently for the Lord,
they shall inherit the land.**

¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone; *

you shall look for their place, and they shall not be there.

¹¹ **But the meek-spirited shall possess the land ***

and shall be refreshed with an abundance of peace.

¹² The ungodly plot against the just *

and gnash at them with their teeth.

¹³ **The Lord shall laugh at them in scorn, ***

for he sees that their day is coming.

¹⁴ The ungodly have drawn out the sword and have bent their bow *

to cast down the poor and needy,
and to slay those who walk aright.

¹⁵ **Their sword shall go through their own heart, ***

and their bow shall be broken.

¹⁶ The little that the righteous has *

is better than great riches of the ungodly.

¹⁷ **For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken, ***

but the Lord upholds the righteous.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

New International Version

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. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: "Break Thou The Bread of Life"

1. **Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me / As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea / Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord / My spirit pants for Thee O Living Word.**
2. **Bless Thou the truth dear Lord to me, to me / As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee / Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall / And I shall find my peace my all in all.**
3. **Break Thou the bread of life, O Lord, to me / that hid within my heart Thy word may be / Mold Thou each inward thought, from self set free / and let my steps be all controlled by Thee.**
5. **O send Thy Spirit Lord now unto me / That He may touch my eyes and make me see / Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word / And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee Lord**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

New International Version

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

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

²⁷ (Jesus said,) "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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL HYMN (Continued)

6. Teach me to live, dear Lord, only for Thee / as Thy disciples lived in Galilee / Then all my struggles o'er, then vict'ry won / I shall behold Thee, Lord, the living One.

THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying
Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**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.**

**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],†
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

SERMON

Fr John Roberts, Rector

SERMON SUPPLEMENT

Beatitudes 1-3: In Christ, the good life is surprisingly available to those who are without.		
ONE	³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	The (truly) good life belongs to those who are powerless, economically or spiritually, because they will more easily grasp their need for God’s reign in their lives.
TWO	⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	The (truly) good life belongs to those who grieve, because the failure to grieve loss will leave our souls disquieted.
THREE	⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	The (truly) good life belongs to those on margins, the unimportant & afflicted, for they will inherit earthly community as God intended.

Beatitudes 4-6: Learning to engage with others the way Jesus did is the path to the truly good life		
FOUR	⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	The (truly) good life comes to those who hunger and thirst for right & healthier relationships with those close to us, for God will guide us into them.
FIVE	⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	The (truly) good life comes to those who treat their neighbors with the generous love most might only reserve for (their) family, since this requires us to open our hearts to the generous love of God, who always loves us this way.
SIX	⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	The (truly) good life comes to those who open our hearts for God to heal our disordered desires, for this will lead us (more fully) into the wholeness and partnership with God that He intended for us all along.

Beatitudes 7-9: Becoming a presence of shalom in the midst of conflict (and disagreement).		
SEVEN	⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	The (truly) good life comes to those who seek Shalom (well-being) for all, rather than living for themselves or seeking to win at others' expense, because this reflects the love of their Father in Heaven."
EIGHT	¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	The (truly) good life comes to those who are willing to be disliked for working toward shalom for all, because (in time) it even will lead to more shalom for us.
NINE	¹¹ Blessed are <u>you</u> when people insult <u>you</u> , persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against <u>you</u> because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is <u>your</u> reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before <u>you</u> .	If you are willing to be disliked like me (Jesus) and to love others like I do (seeking shalom for all), even when you have life circumstances that no one would desire, rest assured that the (truly) good life will be yours, now and in eternity.

RESPONSE HYMN: "Take My Life & Let It Be"

1. Take my life and let it be / Consecrated Lord to Thee / Take my moments and my days / Let them flow in ceaseless praise / Let them flow in ceaseless praise
2. Take my hands and let them move / At the impulse of Thy love / Take my feet and let them be / Swift and beautiful for Thee / Swift and beautiful for Thee
3. Take my voice and let me sing / Always only for my King / Take my lips and let them be / Filled with messages from Thee / Filled with messages from Thee (x2)
5. Take my will and make it thine; / it shall be no longer mine. / Take my heart it is thine own; / it shall be thy royal throne (x2)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying, "hear our prayer."
For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

For N., our Archbishop, and N., our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially _____].

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially _____], in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

[Anglican cycle of prayer]

Additional petitions may be added, and thanksgivings may be invited, at this time either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those

who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16^T

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People may greet those gathered in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture (BCP 149-151).

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OFFERTORY HYMN: "We Are A Second Family"

Lyrics: Carolyn Gillette; Tune: "The Church's One Foundation"

1. **We are a second family, made one in Jesus Christ. / As sisters and as brothers, we share a common life. / By love we're bound together; we welcome and forgive. / We love and serve each other; in Christ, we humbly live.**
2. **We're focused on God's mission to make disciples here; / We're growing and we're serving; we trust that God is near. / We're worshiping and learning, we're gathering to pray, / We're caring and connecting to share God's loving Way.**
3. **Sometimes we are reluctant to be made fully new; / Yet God seeks transformation and makes a promise, too: / While we expect small changes that will improve our lives; / Our God is in the business of making butterflies.**
4. **We're looking toward the future, and listening to God's truth; / We see our Lord inspiring our children and our youth; / May we see gifts they offer and help them grow to be / New leaders, with new vision, for God's community.**
5. **We are a ship that's sailing out from a sheltered place; / There's safety in the harbor, but we go by**

God's grace. / We venture where God calls us, to waters deep, unknown. / The Spirit's winds are blowing; we trust in God alone.

THE DOXOLOGY

Then, the people stand and may sing the doxology as follows

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low; praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

THE SURSUM CORDA^

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with your spi - rit.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

Here a Proper Preface (pages 152-158) is normally sung or said

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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People will sing

Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord. God of power and might.

Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord. God of power and might,

170 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Ho-

210 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

310 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho-

410 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

*If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us

Je-sus, bear-er of our sins have mer-cy on us

Je-sus, re-deem-er; re-deem-er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29†, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds...

Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

All persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are repentant of their sins, and are living in charity with their neighbor are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this altar. We welcome all others to come to the altar and receive of prayer of blessing. Please signify you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest at the rail.

COMMUNION HYMN: "At The Table of the World"

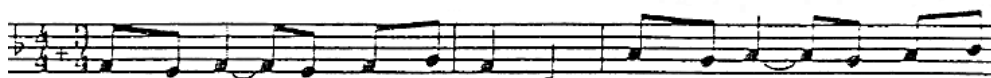
1. At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none. / At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed. Refrain

Refrain: Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care. Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love

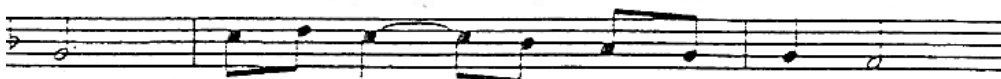
2. At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn. / At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed. Refrain

3. Set the table of our God, in the church and in the world. / 'Til the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good. Refrain

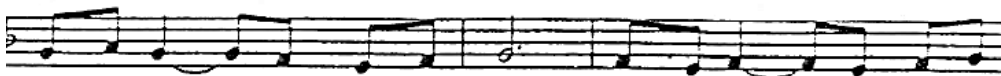
"Gathered Now"



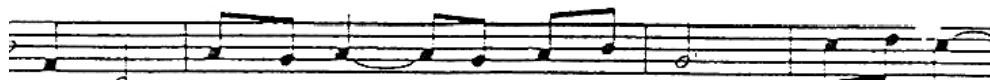
1. Gath-ered now a cho-sen peo-ple, Called from dark-ness in-to
 2. Gath-ered now from ev-'ry cor-ner, Gath-ered now the weak and
 3. Gath-ered now a-round one ta-ble, Gath-ered in— our sav-ing



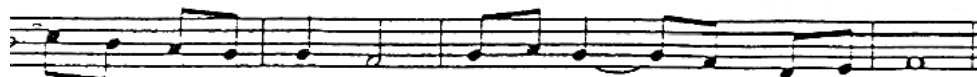
light; Bring-ing praise— and glad thanks - giv - ing,
 strong, Gath-ered those— who thirst for jus - tice,
 Lord; We be - come— the gifts we of - fer:



We be - hold— the Lord of life. In the Word from the be -
 Gath-ered those— whose pain goes on. In this place— there are no
 bread of life— and cup out-poured, Gath-ered here— we are one



gin-ning, In the food— and drink we share, In our joy—
 stran-gers; All are blest— and called by name. In the dy -
 bod - y; Gath-ered here— we are one blood, Called to serve



— and in our griev-ing, We be - lieve— that Christ is there.
 — ing and the ris - ing, Ho - ly peo - ple we re - main.
 — our ris - en Sav - ior, Called to live— God's word of love.

"Dear Lord & Father of Mankind"

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, / forgive our foolish ways; / reclothe us in our rightful mind, / in purer lives thy service find, / in deeper reverence, praise (x2)
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard / beside the Syrian sea / the gracious calling of the Lord, / let us, like them, without a word / rise up and follow thee (x2)
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee, / O calm of hills above, / where Jesus knelt to share with thee / the silence of eternity, / interpreted by love (x2)
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness, / till all our strivings cease; / take from our souls the strain and stress, / and let our ordered lives confess / the beauty of thy peace (x2)
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire / thy coolness and thy balm; / let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; / speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, / O still small voice of calm.

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

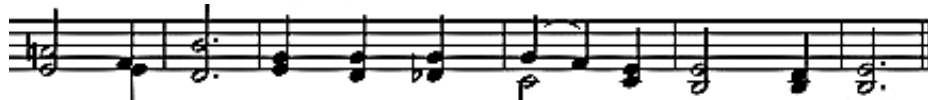
Tune: *Quebec*



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you save all
 3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing Bread, and long to



life, the light of all, from full - est bliss that
 those who on you call. To those who seek you,
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the



earth im - parts we turn un - filled to hear your call.
 you are good; to those who find you, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

- 4 Our restless spirits yearn for you
 where'er our changeful lot is cast;
 glad when you smile on us anew,
 blest that our faith can hold you fast.
- 5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
 make all our moments calm and bright!
 Chase the dark night of sin away;
 shed o'er the world your holy light!

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart / Give thanks to the Holy One / Give thanks because He's given
 Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong / Let the poor say I am rich / Because of what the Lord has
 done for us (x2)

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

BCP 677

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following, or the Post Communion prayer in the Anglican Standard Text

Heavenly Father,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious body and blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP 137

The Priest gives the following blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Saint Matthias News

Join us for Fellowship Hour today in the Parish Hall following worship.



With the [Season of Lent](#) fast approaching, visit www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/lentenprep of the QR code for some tips on choosing a spiritual practice for the season if you plan to do so.



The 2025 Parish Directories are still available for pickup off the Narthex table.



Chaplain Eva has been appointed to the role of Prioress of the Order of St Martin of Tours which is under the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy, a jurisdiction of the ACNA. As the Prioress for the Order she will be responsible for pastoral care of the other Chaplains and will support the Abbot with all affairs concerning the Order. Chaplain Eva was inducted into the Order in June of 2022 and has used the endorsement for serving at Casa de Modesto as well as St Matthias. She would be happy to talk to you about the Order, the role of Prioress, or her Chaplain work if you want to hear more.




This summer, our Diocese will be hosting St Michael's Youth Conference July 20-26 in Three Rivers for 12-19 year olds (male & female). This is a 7-day gathering of worship, study, discussion - with a definitively Anglo-Catholic flavor, as well as recreation, relaxation, and community. The conference is also looking for chaperones. To learn more, visit <https://stmikeswestcoast.com/> or speak with Fr John.



Amanda Roberts & Pam Stout are away this weekend at the Clergy Wives' Retreat, held at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers, CA.



Mardi Gras!




Saint Matthias
ANGELICAN CHURCH

St. Matthias Anglican Church
Cordially invites
You and Your Family to Our

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner
& Raffle**

March 4, 2025
6:00 p.m.
101 S 1st Ave
Oakdale, Ca

R.S.V.P. Sign-up sheet is in Narthex – please let us know by Feb 23rd.
We are accepting Raffle Donation – Please contact Traci Y or Fr. John if you have Raffle Donations.



Ash Wednesday Services

March 5th 12:00 Noon
& 6:00 p.m.



Live Stream available for both services

Kids' Chapel at 6:00pm



SACRED WINDOWS:
EXPLORING BYZANTINE ICONS
AS A MEDIUM FOR PRAYER

The FIVE WEDNESDAYS of LENT
MARCH 12-APRIL 9
6:00PM TO 7:15 PM*

*CHILD CARE AND KIDS PROGRAM PROVIDED

YOU'RE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 5:00 PM
AND SOUP SUPPERS AT 5:20 PM

REGISTER IN THE NARTHEX OR AT
WWW.SAINTMATTHIASOAKDALE.COM/LENT

EXPLORING BYZANTINE ICONS AS A MEDIUM FOR PRAYER
DESIGNED BY ELIZABETH WIGHT

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

Their Birthday: Vicki Van D. (23), Pam St. (23) Lydia R. (25), Mike Y
(25) Russell C. (26) Raleigh P. (1)

This Week at Saint Matthias

- Today - Fellowship Hour – after worship
Chapel open after Celebration
- Wednesday - Life Groups - 10:00am & 5:45pm
Kairos Group - 10:00am
- Thursday - Life Group - 10:00am
Kairos Group 6:15pm
- Next Sunday - March ACW Meeting - 11:30am

...AND BEYOND

- Tuesday, March 4 - Shrove Tuesday Dinner - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday Services – Noon & 6pm
- March 12 - April 9 - Lenten Wednesdays – Stations 5:00,
Soup 5:20, Icons 6:00pm
- Saturday, May 3 - Memorial Service for Rich Gravel –
11:00am
- Saturday, April 19 - The Great Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "We Are A Second Family"

Lyrics: Carolyn Gillette; Tune: "The Church's One Foundation"

1. We are a second family, made one in Jesus Christ. / As sisters and as brothers, we share a common life. / By love we're bound together; we welcome and forgive. / We love and serve each other; in

Christ, we humbly live.

2. We're focused on God's mission to make disciples here; / We're growing and we're serving; we trust that God is near. / We're worshiping and learning, we're gathering to pray, / We're caring and connecting to share God's loving Way.

3. Sometimes we are reluctant to be made fully new; / Yet God seeks transformation and makes a promise, too: / While we expect small changes that will improve our lives; / Our God is in the business of making butterflies.

4. We're looking toward the future, and listening to God's truth; / We see our Lord inspiring our children and our youth; / May we see gifts they offer and help them grow to be / New leaders, with new vision, for God's community.

5. We are a ship that's sailing out from a sheltered place; / There's safety in the harbor, but we go by God's grace. / We venture where God calls us, to waters deep, unknown. / The Spirit's winds are blowing; we trust in God alone.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words, omitting Alleluia during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Musical Settings are modified from the 1982 Hymnal. The Gloria in Excelsis (S-280) by Robert Powell, the Doxology (380, v.3) by Isaac Watts, the Sursum Corda (S-120) by James McGregor, the Sanctus (S-130) and the Agnus Dei (S-164) by Franz Peter Schubert.

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