



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church

131 Church Road

Spruce Grove Alberta

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist February 23, 2025

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Be Still for the Presence of the Lord - Pre-Service Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now - With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found - We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire - With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight - Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal - To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him - In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place.

Today I Awake - CP 9

Today I awake - and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, - he summoned the day;
for God never sleeps, - but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold - or glory in grey.

Today I arise - and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark - to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, - and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, - resist and invite.

Today I affirm - the Spirit within me
at worship and work, - in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires - all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, - from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy - the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, - before and behind;
the Maker, the Son, - the Spirit together –
they called me to life - and call me their friend.

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.**

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.

Kyrie Eleison - CP 705

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. - Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. - Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: **God of new birth,**

whose compassionate power transforms sin into health

and temporal dust into eternal glory:

grant us a gracious faith,

so that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery,

we may face our trials with confidence,

and become a blessing to friend and enemy

for the sake of Jesus' name. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading - GENESIS 45:3-11, 15 (Tracy)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37b: 1-11, 39-40 - Responsorial

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. - Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Do not be provoked by 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 find safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord, - who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, - and see what God will do.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. - Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light - and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. - Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, - the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; - do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, - but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. - Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; - even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; - they will delight in abundance of peace.

The deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; - you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; - you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, - because in you they seek refuge.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. - Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Second Reading - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50 (Doug)

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

But 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 dishonour, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place - You always fill my heart

With songs of deliverance - Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You

I will trust in You - Let the weak say, - "I am strong in the strength of the Lord"

You are my hiding place - You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance

Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You - I will trust in You

Let the weak say - "I am strong In the strength of the Lord, - I will trust in You."

Gospel - LUKE 6:27-38

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

Jesus said, "But 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.

People Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Officiant 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 (Bob)

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

Celebrant says,

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

The Peace

Celebrant: Fix your hearts upon God where true joys are to be found. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you.**

You are Near

Yahweh, I know you are near, - standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, - and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart, - and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death, - keeping me from harm.

Yahweh, I know you are near, - standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, - and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Where can I run from your love? - If I climb to the heavens you are there
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, - still I'd find you there.

Yahweh, I know you are near, - standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, - and you lead me in ways everlasting.

You know my heart and its ways, - you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, - in my mother's womb.

Yahweh, I know you are near, - standing always at my side.

You guard me from the foe, - and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Marvelous to me are your works - how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, - you would still be there.

Yahweh, I know you are near, - standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, - and you lead me in ways everlasting.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Merciful God,
accept all we offer you this day.
Lead us to love you with all our heart,
and to love all people with your perfect love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift 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.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.
People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
People **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei - CP 685

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Can I See Another's Woe - CP 544

Wind Upon the Waters - CP 408

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,

rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,
gift so wholly given, source of every birth,
joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand,
prairie, field, and meadow shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light,
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name - In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name - When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out - I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord - Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name - When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be' - Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name - On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out - I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord - Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away - You give and take away
My heart will choose to say - Lord, blessed be Your name

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God,**

**in the eucharist we celebrate your love
for us and for all people.**

**Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts,
we may show your love in our lives,
and know its fulfillment in your presence.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Let All Things Now Living - CP 403

Let all things now living - a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise, - Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, - Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Loves banners are o'er us; - God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, - 'Til shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, - as forward we travel from light into Light.

God's law still enforces - the stars in their courses
And causes the sun in its splendour to shine; - The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, - The deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing - our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise, - till all things now living

unite in thanksgiving: - “To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Acting Primate Anne, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Toronto, for St. John the Divine in Onoway, for the Gisitwe Parish in the Buyé Diocese, for the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Iain, Ann, Terry, Jill, Gary, and Ann.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of our friend Jackie, for her family, and for all who mourn her loss.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for John & Darlene, Kay, Connor & Elyse, Virginia. Aglaia; and their families.