

St. James's Episcopal Church
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 24, 2019
11:15 a.m.

*Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.
After the liturgy, speak to one another.*

Please silence all electronic devices.

Morning Prayer, Rite I

Prelude: Thema con variatione Guillaume Lascieux

Introit: Kyrie (from *Sunrise Mass*) Ola Gjielo

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy: Lord, have mercy

Hymn 390: *Lobe den Herren*, "Praise to the Lord"

Opening Sentences *Book of Common Prayer*, page 38

Confession of Sin

Officiant

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as able.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite S4

chant: Edwin G. Monk



O come, let us /sing unto the / Lord;
 let us heartily rejoice in the / strength of / our sal-/ vation.
 Let us come before his / presence with thanks-/giving,
 and show ourselves / glad in / him with / psalms.

For the Lord is a / great / God,
 and a great / King a-/ bove all / gods.
 In his hand are all the / corners of the / earth,
 and the strength of the / hills is / his / also.
 The sea is / his and he / made it,
 and his hands pre-/ pared the / dry / land.

O come, let us worship and / fall / down
 and / kneel before the / Lord our / Maker.
 For he is the / Lord our / God,
 and we are the people of his / pasture and the / sheep of his / hand.

O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness;
 let the / whole earth / stand in / awe of him.
 For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge the / earth,
 and with righteousness to judge the world
 and the / peoples / with his / truth.

All may be seated for the singing of the Psalm by the Choir.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli aemulari*

chant: Ivor Atkins

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly:
 neither be thou envious against the evildoers.
 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass:
 and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord and be doing good:
 dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord:
 and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord and put thy trust in him:
 and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light:
 and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord and abide patiently upon him:
 but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper,
 against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath and let go displeasure:
 fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out:
 and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while and the ungodly shall be clean gone:
 thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth:
 and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just:
 and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

And the Lord shall stand by them and save them:
 he shall deliver them from the ungodly,
 and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able and sing the Canticle from the Hymnal.

Canticle S205: Te Deum laudamus

Plainsong, Tone 8

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud,
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
the Father of an infinite majesty; thine adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, In glory everlasting.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever Amen.

Second Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation may remain seated for the singing of the Canticle by the Choir.

Canticle: Jubilate Deo

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
 serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving;
and into his courts with praise:
 be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting,
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son...

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

Apostles' Creed

BCP 53

Officiant and People together, all standing as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling as able.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

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O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Other Collects and Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Officiant and People

Morgan Adams, Steve Barnett, Susan Braden, Duncan Buoyer,
Whitney Bush, Turner Coggin, Charles Coleman, Peggy Croke,
Debbie Lickey, Eleanor Lynch, Jackie Milley, Harry Moore, Dorothy Nelson,
Nancy Pace Newton, Frank Norvell, Nathaly Parra, Pat Prest,
Courtenay Reynolds, John Reynolds, Catherine Row, George Silver,
Anne Houseman Smith, Darren Street, Sarah Swank, Katherine Thompson,
the Timmons family, Anne Turnbull and Josh (*The Officiant continues.*)

General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in
the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Greeting and Announcements

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Anthem: Unclouded Day

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Oh, they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
Oh, they tell me of a home far away;
Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,
Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

Refrain: Oh, the land of cloudless day,
Oh, the land of an unclouded sky,
Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,
Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

Oh, they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
Oh, they tell me of that land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

Oh, they tell me of a King in His beauty there,
And they tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where He sits on the throne that is whiter than snow,
In the city that is made of gold.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Hymn 717 (v. 4): *America*, “Our fathers’ God, to thee”

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week or special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ,
the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in
the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new
birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 680: *St. Anne*, “O God, our help in ages past”

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fanfare

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