

St. James's Episcopal Church
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 24, 2019 | 9:00 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.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Thema con variazione

Guillaume Lascieux

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

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant
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.*

Gloria in excelsis S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: 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

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

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Remaining seated, the People read the Psalm by half verse.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD,
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them;
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

Hymn 669 (vs. 1-2): *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, “Commit thou all that grieves thee”

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Procession (*Children follow the clergy into the Children’s Chapel.*)

Hymn 669 (vs. 3-4): *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, “Commit thou all that grieves thee”

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

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Please kneel as you are able and let us open our hearts to God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Priest

Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

Priest 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 Priest continues.*)

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.*

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Anthem: Be more kind

Frank Turner

History's been leaning on me lately;
I can feel the future breathing down my neck.
And all the things I thought were true, when I was young, and you were too,
turned out to be broken and I don't know what comes next.
In a world that has decided that it's going to lose its mind,
be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind

They've started raising walls around the world now,
like hackles raised upon a cornered cat.
On the borders, in our heads, between things that can and can't be said,
we've stopped talking to each other and there's something wrong with that
So before you go out searching, don't decide what you will find –
be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.

You should know you're not alone, and trouble comes, and trouble goes.
How this ends, no one knows, so hold on tight when the wind blows.

The wind blew both of us to sand and sea,
and where the dry land stands is hard to say.
As the current drags us by the shore, we can no longer say for sure
who's drowning, or if they can be saved.

And when you're out there floundering, like a lighthouse, I will shine –
be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.

Like a beacon reaching out to you and yours from me and mine,
be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.

In a world that has decided that it's going to lose its mind,
Be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.

*During the singing of the Doxology, the children may come forward to the Chancel
to see the celebration of the Eucharist.*

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

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Celebrant continues.)*

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 S129

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.

Celebrant

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 many 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;

Celebrant

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. *(The Celebrant continues.)*

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.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

As the children return to their parents, the people sing

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Verse

Sing with all the peo-ple of God,
and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.

repeat Antiphon

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Music at Communion

Chant: Lucernaria Tone I, arr. Mark Whitmire
(For text, see Music Notes in the Chimes wrapper.)

Hymn 341: *Omni die*, “For the bread which you have broken”

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.