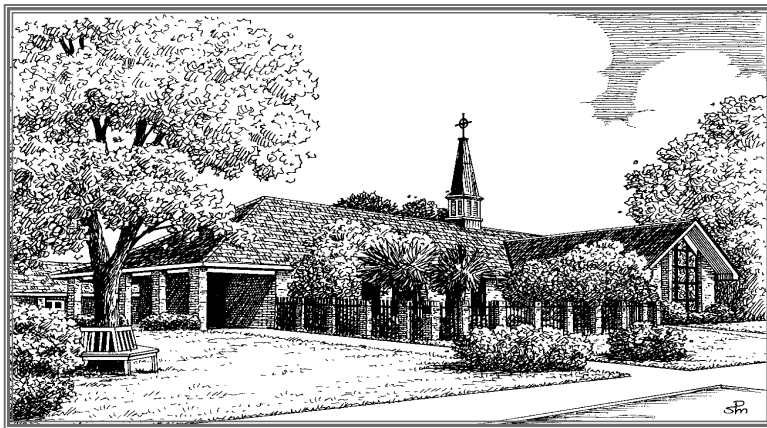


ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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February 23, 2025—10:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

Mission Statement:

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer
to God through Jesus Christ.”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Opening Hymn Hymn No. 390
Praise To The Lord, The Almighty, The King Of Creation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

The Celebrant may continue

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.

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Gloria S-280

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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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.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

- 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.

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Sequence Hymn

Hymn No. 391

Before The Lord's Eternal Throne

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Deacon or Priest 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 or Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mtr. Trish Toburen

All stand

Nicene Creed

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand as the following is sung by the Congregation.

Offertory Anthem

Wood

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Doxology

Hymn No. 380, v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with

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:

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Sanctus

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
Celebrant and 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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving Holy Communion - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Communion Hymn

Ubi caritas

Hymn No. 606

Communion Hymn

Hymn No. 602

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:

The Celebrant and People say together:

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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

The priest blesses the people, saying

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

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Closing Hymn

Hymn No. 178

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Acolyte:

Isaac Juban
Madeline MacDowell
Malcolm Juban

Altar Guild:

Susan Alligood
Joan Barron
Lynda Bedeian
Jeanmarie Hinkle
Jan MacNaughton
Cheryl Patterson
Marshal Sills
Liz Guerry

Lector:

Samantha Goar
Regan Danos

LEM:

Martha Singletary
Adam MacDowell
Joseph Kahler

MC:

Wanda Allphin

Usher:

Wallace VanNortwick
Cameron Roberson
Tome Cole
Rob Hawkins

LEV:

Mary Tharp

Greeter:

Brenda Randall

Flower Guild:

June Fitzgerald

Parish Choir:

Terry R. Bowman, Director
Don Hill, Accompanist
Jennie Bae
Owen Cope
Meg Duggar

Steve Irving
Keith James
Jennifer Johnson
Cody King
Ana Litvinoff
Katherine Norton
Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur
Robin Sills
Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Ben Thomas
Laura Thomas
Nina Wachter
Dr. Richard Webb
Dr. Mark Zielinski
Rhonda Zielinski

Hospitality Team:

Marianne Denker
Joanne Carver
Brookie Allphin
Jason Danos
Mary Leteff
Rob Hawkins
Robin Coever
Jean Blanche
Robin Sills
Carolyn Grace Millet
Brittany Allphin-Smith

Vestry:

Joe Kahler-Sr. Warden
Courtney Breaux-Jr. Warden
Janie Braud-Secretary
Lacey Allphin Anderson
Brian Binck
Gordon Denker
Sharon Edmon
Steve Irving
Adam MacDowell
Gloria McKenzie
David Palmer
Laura Thomas

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GIVEN BY DEANNA, RYAN, AND ASHLYN (PIERCE) KLIEBERT)