

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe
Service of Morning Prayer
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
February 23, 2025
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Leader: We acknowledge that our diocese now occupies unceded land that has been and remains home to Mohawk, Anishinaabe and Algonquin people. May we who dwell on, or visit this land, also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

All: **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **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. Alleluia!**

Invitatory

Leader: The Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

Venite

Leader: Come; let us sing to the Lord;

All: **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

All: **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

All: **and a great king above all gods.**

Leader: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

All: **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his for he made it,

All: **and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

All: **and kneel before the Lord our maker,**

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and sheep of his hand.

All: **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.**

Jubilate - Psalm 100

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

All: **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Leader: Know this: The Lord himself is God;

All: **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the**

sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;

All: **give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

All: **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Reader: The first reading is Genesis 45:3-1, 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.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *

All: **do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

Reader: For they shall soon wither like the grass, *

All: **and like the green grass fade away.**

Reader: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *

All: **dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**

Reader: Take delight in the Lord, *

All: **and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Reader: Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *

All: **and he will bring it to pass.**

Reader: He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *

All: **and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Reader: Be still before the Lord *

All: **and wait patiently for him.**

Reader: Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,

All: **the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Reader: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

All: **do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

Reader: For evildoers shall be cut off, *

All: **but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

Reader: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

All: **you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.**

Reader: But the lowly shall possess the land; *

All: **they will delight in abundance of peace.**

Reader: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *

All: **he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

Reader: The Lord will help them and rescue them; *

All: **he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.**

Reader: A reading from The First Letter Of Paul To The Corinthians

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

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:27-38

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection

Hear, O Israel

All: **Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen**

Reader: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." Let us ask the Lord for a day fulfillment and peace.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan and Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; as well as Staff at Ascension House and the parish of St. Mark the Evangelist, Ottawa and all who minister there.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need, remembering those in our parish family - Liesa, Kelly, Marjorie, Randy, Richard, Deb, Louise, Howard, Irene, Beth, Jeanette, Cheryl, and Zachariah.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Almighty God,
your Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: And now as our Saviour Christ taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **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.**

Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore

All: **Amen**

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