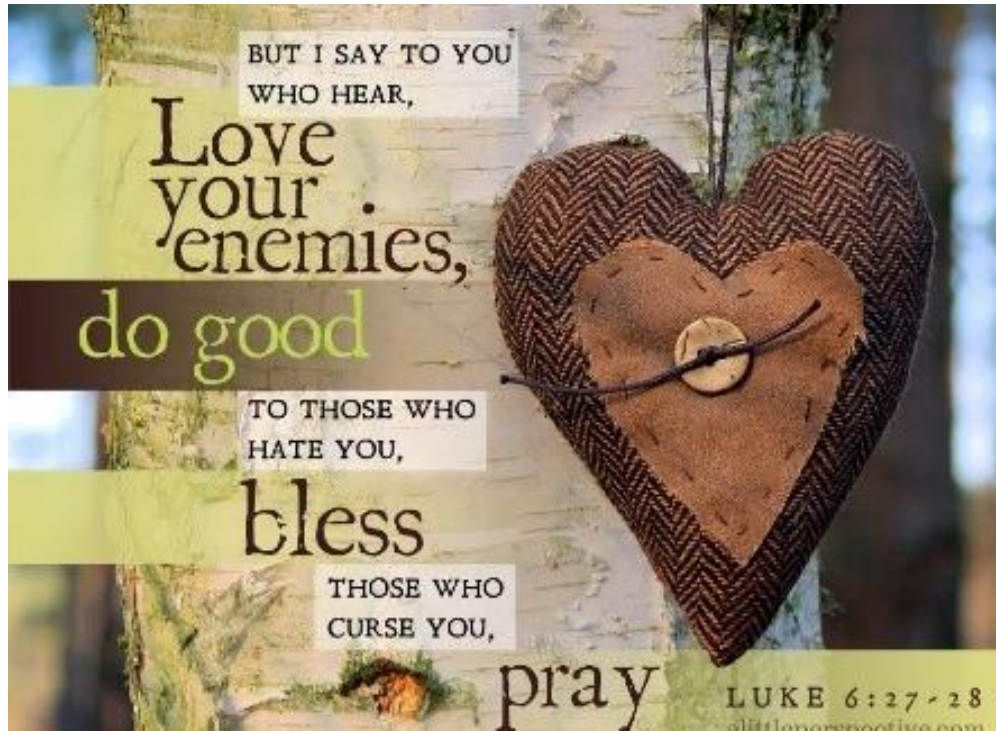


ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2025
10:15 AM
THE HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE II



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Prelude

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.
Please stand as you are able.*

Opening Hymn #390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

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The Gloria #S278

William Matthias

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Reading from Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Katharine Benziger/Linda Gyurko

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

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.**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Katharine Benziger/Jeremy Lees

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.

Gradual: Hymn #577, "God is Love, and where true love," v. 1-2

Ubi caritas

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

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual: Hymn #577, "God is Love, and where true love is" v. 3

Ubi caritas

The Sermon

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People - Form 4

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(Please offer names at the appropriate bidding in the prayers)

For those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Connie, Phyllis, Frank Bachman, Jr., Sandy McIntyre, Mark Durham, Penny Witt, Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barb, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Les, Pete, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sherry, Emily, Sabina, Jean Richards, and Melissa Cooper and Braiden Uchman.

For those who will celebrate birthdays this week, especially Martha Hood.

For those who will celebrate anniversaries this week, especially Bruce Bossidy and Dede Pickering, and John and Lori Copman.

The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.

Offertory: Hymn #609 "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so by intinction, which is to dip the host into the consecrated wine. It is available to all but required of none.

Communion: Hymn #321 "My God thy table now is set"

The Post-Communion Prayer
The Blessing
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Recessional: Hymn #657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the Altar Guild.

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King
Vergers: Clayton Smith
Acolytes: Evan Veenboer
Lectors: Katharine Benziger, Linda Gyurko, Jeremy Lees
Chalice: Ted Griffin, Rick Hager
Guest Organist: Barbara Klemp
Altar Guild: Janice Kiefer, Ada Draesel
Hospitality: Steve and Meg Beresik

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Volunteers Needed As we search for a new Parish Administrator, Kathryn is looking for parishioners who can be in the office to welcome visitors, answer phones, take messages, and help with some tasks. Please sign up on the list on the clipboard in Bristol Hall near the Coffee Hour table. Help is needed Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9 to noon. Thank you to all who have volunteered already!



Cactus Plants Needed! We will again use cacti and desert plants to surround the altar during Lent. If you have some you can lend us for the season, please plan to bring them to church next Sunday, March 2, and place them in the sacristy. They will be used on the shelf behind the altar and around the church. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Mardi Gras, Tuesday, March 4 at 6 PM Join our parish family and friends as we have a joyful celebration before we cross over into the season of Lent. We will gather, beginning at 6 PM, for New Orleans flavors and fellowship. This is an ALL-AGES event, and the kids play a major part! We will burn palms to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. The highlight is the lowering of the Alleluia banner and 'burying' it for all of Lent. A sign-up list is posted outside Bristol Hall.



Ash Wednesday, March 5 Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 8:30 AM and 7 PM. Ashes-to-Go at the Bay Head train station (weather permitting) time 6:30 - 8:15 AM. If you are interested in helping with Ashes-To-Go, please let Kathryn or the parish office know.



Pancake Breakfast, First Sunday of Lent, March 9 following the 10:15 AM service. Looking for cooks to prepare the delicious pancakes, bacon, and sausage! Watch for sign-up lists. There will be a free will basket as the kids and youth raise money to sponsor and purchase animals through The Heifer Project, which will be one of the programs they will learn about during Lent.



Please join us for our second Outreach Meeting, Sunday, March 23, following 10:15 AM service. This meeting will follow the June 2024 initial session and continue the conversation about All Saints' plans and goals for Outreach 2025—and beyond. For more information, contact John Copman.