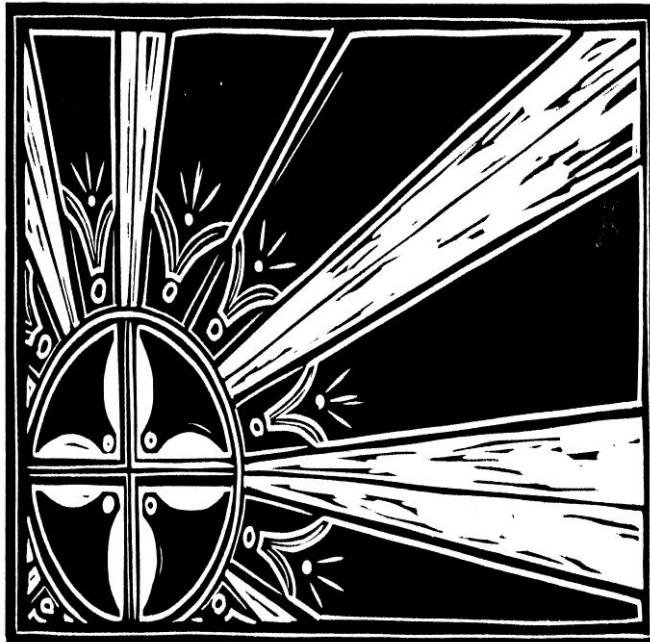




The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022 ~ 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector
Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ EPIPHANY +

GATHERING

* = *Rise* as you are able, in body or in spirit | ☧ = a customary time to “cross” oneself

PRELUDE

Andante and Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn

* ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal 390

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Arise, shine, for your light has come.

People **And the glory of the Lord has been revealed.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

* SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, your light has come

A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
A -rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
A -rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

WORD

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 (Simplified Anglican Chant, sung by all)

Note: In simplified Anglican Chant, one line of the Psalm is sung to one measure of music; the entire chant is sung over the course of two Psalm verses. Most of the words of the first verse are sung on the first pitch of the first measure; singers change to the second pitch at the syllable marked (underlined and in bold). If there is an odd number of verses, it is sung to the second half of the chant.

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- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Reader

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

* SEQUENCE HYMN

Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 204

* THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

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

SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

THE 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

Intercessor To God who is revealed in the gracious mystery of Jesus Christ our Lord, let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying, God of grace, make your glory known.

Give to your Church the will to live out the promise of our baptism, that the light of Christ, shining through us, may bring hope to the world. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, April, our priest, for Caroline, our Seminarian, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, and all members of the Church throughout the world. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor We pray for Joseph our President, the leaders of the nations, and for all the peoples of the earth. As we pattern our common life, guide us by the brightness of your holy wisdom. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor We pray for the war-torn areas of our world, and for all who live and serve in places of conflict; deliver us from oppression, violence and prejudice, and give to your people the blessing of peace. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor Draw near to all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit. Refresh those who are weary, bring healing to those who hurt, comfort those who mourn and hope to those who are neglected. Give us compassion to listen to our neighbors in need. We pray especially for Jamie, Daniel, Joe, Karen, Tom, Glyn, Hannah, Lee, David, Valorie, Wilma, Patricia, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Andrea, Amy, Deborah, Rebecca, Libby, Jean, Barbara, and Ann;

We pray for Emily, who is with child.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy those who are dying and those who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in the full revelation of your eternal glory. O God of grace, **Make your glory known.**

Presider O perfect Love, whose compassionate power transforms sin into health and temporal dust into eternal glory: grant us a gracious faith, so that like Joseph, we may face our trials with confidence and become a blessing to friend and enemy alike in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All **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.**

Priest 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

I Waited for the Lord

Mendelssohn

*I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord; O blessed are they that hope and trust in Him.*

TABLE

* THE PRESENTATION

Lasst uns erfreuen

Through north and south and east and west may God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun, God's reign begins, God's will is done: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

* SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant



The Lord be with you.

People



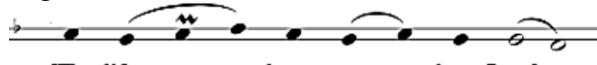
And also with you.

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 God 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Treble clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Treble clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 3/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 3/4 time, B-flat key signature.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 ho - ly
 Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

(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 his mother 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,

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.

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 Christ’s care, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Taste and See

Taste and see.
of the Lord.
see the goodness of the Lord.

Taste and see.
O taste and see.
Taste and see.
of the Lord.

Fine

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Oculi omnium

Charles Wood

*Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine: et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.*

All eyes look to you, Lord: and you give them food in due season.
Glory be to you, O Lord. Amen.

Commit thou all that grieve thee

Hymnal 669

SENDING

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* HYMN IN PROCESSION

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

* THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

* POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'

A.L. Page

Preacher and Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Lectors	Jim Milburn, Rosy Milburn
Intercessor	Jean Whisenant
Lead Usher	Renée Tracy
Director of Music/Choirmaster	David Long
Soprano Soloists	Janelle Wagoner, Carol Doucette
Organist	Merry Lee Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday services, March 2nd, noon and 7pm -- Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time when the church marks a period of repentance, fasting, and self-examination, and a time where those new to the community of the church prepared for the sacrament of baptism. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 2nd, and Grace will hold services of Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes at noon (spoken word service) and at 7:00 p.m. (choral service).

Inquirers' class/Episcopal 101 Sundays (in person) and Thursdays (via Zoom)

Class continues this morning at 9:30am in the Merritt Room and on Zoom at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 24; all who are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation are invited to explore church tradition, history and our place in the Episcopal faith with Lay Catechist Laura Bertrand, Rev. April and our seminarians. This class will meet both on Sunday mornings (in person) and on Thursday evenings (via Zoom). **Participants should plan to attend one meeting per week, not both** (you can mix and match, too – Zoom one week and come in person another). This class will be a space for exploring questions about belief and practice within the Episcopal Church, as well as the life of faith in general. Let us know if you are interested in taking the course. While registration is **not required**, we would love to know you're coming! Please contact Laura Bertrand for more information (laura@laurabertrand.com).

Use P.O. Box for Checks/Important Documents -- Because hard times have made checks in our mailbox more vulnerable than in the past, we are asking everyone who's sending anything valuable or important to the church to use Grace's P.O. box address: **P.O. Box 80954, Chattanooga, TN 37414.**

Grace has moved to BREEZE for directory and donation services; this site can be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item "BREEZE" at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is 'saygrace' and the password is 'Chattanooga.' Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

The annual Thorne Sparkman School of Religion at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, is returning for its 49th session. This year's theme is "Faith and the Environment," with speakers ranging from Dr. Andy Thompson, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, School of Theology, University of the South, to the Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of GreenFaith. Ticket pricing options include pricing for regular admission (\$30), student admission (\$20), dinner options for adults and children, and optional free childcare. The soup-supper preceding the lectures is \$30 for all five weeks (adult price). **Masks will be required for the safety of all who participate.** Registration and more information on the speakers is available at <http://www.lentenschool.org/>.

Material for Sunday's bulletins should be sent to the office no later than the previous Wednesday.

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