

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany—February 20, 2022
Morning Prayer

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Officiant Blessed be the one holy and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE

657 – *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard

OPENING COLLECT

Steven Shakespeare

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant God of kindness, interrupting our vicious cycles of resentment and revenge: teach us to walk the way of forgiveness beyond all accounting and to love the gift that has no measure; through Jesus Christ [lover of souls]. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE

Genesis 45:3-11

Officiant Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.
People **Our hearts and minds are open.**

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.

Officiant Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

HOMILY

Canon Karen Olson
Missioner for Ministry

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Officiant Please join together in affirming our faith.

People **You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are God. We worship you.**

Officiant And now we join together with members of the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal Communion in translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives, in these baptismal questions. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Book of Common Prayer, Church of England

Officiant God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

People **Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Officiant We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

People **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.**

Officiant We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired...

People **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

Officiant We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

People **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Officiant We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

People **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

Officiant God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask.

Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the World!

May your Holy Spirit continue to guide and illumine the discerning hearts and minds of the Saint Mary's Search Committee and rector candidates, in the search for a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for ministries in your name. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Book of Common Prayer

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. **Amen.**

You are welcome to make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button on our website, saintmarysepiscopal.org.

LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant As Jesus has taught us, we now pray.

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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.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

The Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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Life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us along the way. So, be quick to love, make haste to be kind—and the blessing of God goes with us. Amen. (adapted from 19th century Swiss philosopher Henri Amiel)

CLOSING SONG

Now We Are All Sent Forth

English Text: Gerhar M. Cartford
Music: *Enviado*, Anonymous

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world and know that there are deeds of hope and healing that will never be done unless you do them, and words of hope and healing that will never be spoke unless you speak them. (adapted from Frederick Buechner)

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME—BREAKOUT GROUPS