



# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

### The Collect for Purity

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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. **Amen.**

### Kyrie eleison

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### The Collect of the Day

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O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: Genesis (45:3–11, 15)

*The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 41*

#### Commentary:

*Joseph's fascinating story begins in Genesis 37. After the way his brothers had treated him, it is no surprise they were dismayed and terrified to find themselves in his presence. Although Joseph had suffered abuse at his brothers' hands, he did not hold on to resentment; instead, Joseph's focus was on God's sovereign control, providential care, and overarching purpose to preserve the house of Israel. Joseph was able to initiate reconciliation with his brothers because even in their cruelty, he perceived the working of the loving, sovereign hand of God.*

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.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

Mr. Reid Murchison

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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*Liturgy of the Word: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.*

*Liturgy of the Table: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard.*

*Preacher: Mr. Reid Murchison*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Thomas Henry Wright, Eleanor Gilchrist Wright, Thomas Henry Wright Jr.,  
Sally Cameron Labouisse, and John Witherspoon Labouisse.*

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