

(Recorded Service) Welcome to our worship online during the COVID-19 pandemic season. We are grateful to God for keeping us alive, for the blessings of life, for the privilege of worship and fellowship with others. We gather with all who are seeking for meaning and comfort in this strange and challenging time. We offer healing prayers to God especially for Dan Anwuri, Nelson Greene Jr., Katie Clybourne, Gwen Black, Harriet King Duncan, Saunders Miller, Denise Brown, Lelia Crowders, John Lewis; John Schnick, John Schnick Jr. We pray for Donna Ramsey, who have died and is resting at the bosom of the Lord. We offer thanksgiving prayer for our spiritual leaders, for President Biden and leaders of nations. We welcome all who are worshipping with us for the first time.

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Music: Joy to the World.....AH #197

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be His Kingdom, Now and forever. Amen.

The Officiant and People 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.

Officiant and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

The Collect: The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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 Liturgy of the Word

FIRST LESSON. Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Dr. Ernest Ogbozor

3Joseph 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. 4Then 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. 5And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.6For 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. 7God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8So 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. 9Hurry 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. 10You 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. 11I 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.’¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying the church

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Chuku Crowders

- 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,*

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because they seek refuge in him.

Glory to the father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and be forever.

SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Gene Ramsey

35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 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. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 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. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. 50 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.

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Music: Alleluia, Alleluia, Worthy is the Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVFzxazTQNM>

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

27“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
28bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.29If anyone strikes you
on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do
not withhold even your shirt. 30Give to everyone who begs from you; and if
anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31Do to others as you
would have them do to you. 32“If you love those who love you, what credit is that
to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33If you do good to those who
do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.34If 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. 35But 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.
36Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37“Do not judge, and you will not
be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will
be forgiven; 38give, 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Music:

Sermon

The Very Rev. Collins Asonye

Prayers of The People Form III

Nicole Livas

People and Officiant pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

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That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed victims of terrorism around the world, victims of gun violence, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fire, and car accidents eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom

Let us pray for those on the Prayer List.

Deborah Daniel

The Collect for the Poor and Marginalized

Nadine Goff

Risen Christ, as you dwell with us open our eyes to see the needs of your world, open our ears to hear the cries of the poor, of the suffering, the marginalized. When we do not recognize you in those we meet, call to us by name as we walk beside them. Show us renewed life in unexpected places, when we are blinded by our assumptions and limited by our human vision. We pray for all who cannot imagine resurrection because their own lives are fraught with violence and oppression, sorrow, and grief. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Collect for Health Care Workers

Thomas Jones

We pray for our world in the grip of Coronavirus pandemic, for people who are gravely ill and for those who grieve the deaths of the ones they loved. We are grateful beyond words for people who continue to work in health care, educational institutions, aged care, and other essential services risking their own health for the care of others. When the time of pandemic passes, encourage us to remember what

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we have learned about what is truly of value in life. We ask in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Collect for Commitment and Renewal

Dolores Duncan

Living Christ move us to walk in partnership with creation seeking the liberation of your people knowing that your Spirit will accompany us. Reassure us and renew us, as we recommit to lives of service lived without reservation, embracing your passion for justice and peace. Risen Christ, on this day may our world change because of your life in us. May our prayers stay with us in the season of Advent and stir us to make real our dreams for a world reborn. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

A Prayer for Mission

Angela King

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Outreach

Angela Patterson

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So, clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; In Jesus Name. **Amen.**

Silence

The Priest says the concluding Prayer.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent 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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest, stands and says

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:

Offertory: The Altar Candles are lit and prepare the Table

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

People **And also with you.**

Music Jesus the Light of the World **AH #217**

The Holy Eucharist The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface for Sunday as appointed.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Continue

Holy and Gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his

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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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,

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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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The sharing of the body and blood

Let us pray. Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage**

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**to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Go...to live fully to love wastefully to be all that you can be.

Go... with the love of Divine Presence enfolding you, the peace of Jesus Christ within you, and the breath of the Holy Spirit inspiring your life. **Amen.**

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Adult Forum "Ministry Story"

Stewardship Committee

Prayer for our Country

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage:
We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a
people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land
with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us
from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance,
and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one
united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds
and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy
Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be
justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law,
we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the**

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time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Hymnal 1982 #376

[Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee](#)

Important Announcement:

Thank you to our 2022 Stewardship Committee Members: Deborah Daniel, Angela Patterson, Denise Brown, Nadine Goff.

- 2022 Annual Meeting was held 2/6/22 – Thank you to all who participated.
- Vestry Meeting, Monday 02/21/2022@ 7pm
 - Repair the Air Conditioner for the second floor.
- Wednesday Worship and Bible Study 02/23/2022 @7PM.
- Holy Communion Sunday 02/27/2022 @ 10 AM

Technology Wish List:

- TV Screen – Donated by Alan Capute
- Desktop Computer Ordered and to be delivered.
- Holy Communion Elements are available for home.

Please call the Church office 703-549-1334 for HC supplies.

- Thank you ALL for your pledge, offering and donations. May God continue to bless you abundantly in Jesus Name – Amen.