

Holy Trinity Anglican Church- February 23rd 2025
7th Sunday after Epiphany - Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful almighty,
God in three persons blessed Trinity!

Welcome
Children's Time

The Gathering of the Community (BAS pg.185)

All stand.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: (together) **Almighty God,** All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Glory to God (BAS pg.186)

Celebrant: *Glory to God in the highest,*
All: 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.

The Collect of the Day

(Together) Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Reading of PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

But 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 dishonour, 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: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: As The Deer

**1. AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER, SO MY SOUL LONGS AFTER YOU
YOU ALONE ARE MY HEART'S DESIRE AND I LONG TO WORSHIP YOU.**

CHORUS

YOU ALONE ARE MY STRENGTH, MY SHIELD, YOU ALONE MAY MY SPIRIT YIELD.

YOU ARE ALONE ARE MY HEARTS DESIRE AND I LONG TO WORSHIP YOU.

2. I WANT YOU MORE THAN GOLD OR SILVER, ONLY YOU CAN SATISFY.

YOU ALONE ARE THE REAL JOY-GIVER, AND THE APPLE OF MY EYE.

CHORUS

YOU ALONE ARE MY STRENGTH MY SHIELD, YOU
ALONE MAY THE SPIRIT YIELD.

YOU ALONE ARE MY HEARTS DESIRE AND I LONG TO
WORSHIP YOU.

3.

YOU'RE MY FRIEND AND YOU'RE MY BROTHER, EVEN
THOUGH YOU ARE A KING.

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANY OTHER, SO MUCH
MORE THAN ANYTHING.

CHORUS

YOU ALONE ARE MY STRENGTH MY SHIELD, YOU
ALONE MAY THE SPIRIT YIELD.

YOU ALONE ARE MY HEARTS DESIRE AND I LONG TO
WORSHIP YOU.

The Gospel Reading - LUKE 6:27-38

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "But 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."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed
(BAS Pg.189-190)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (BAS pg. 115)

(As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

**For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.**

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession and Absolution (BAS pg.191)

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace (BAS pg.192)

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

(TO THE TUNE OF WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS)

1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who call us here,

In our world of stress and tension,
Teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles,
Love's expressed in many ways.

2. When our way is undemanding,
Let us use the time's that ours
To delight in simple pleasures,
Sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
And a heavy path we plod,
Teach us trust in one another
And in you, our gracious God.

3. From our homes in which we're nurtured,
With the love that shapes us there,
Teach us, God, to claim as family
Every one whose life we share.
And thro' all that life may offer,
May we in your life remain;
May the life we share in families
Be alive to praise your name.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which each has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

ALL: Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Prayer 2 (BAS pg.196-197)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and

Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: 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.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and

resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.211)

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #2 (BAS pg.212)

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion Instrumental

Prayer after Communion

All: Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

CLOSING HYMN: Fight The Good Fight

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT WITH ALL THY MIGHT,
CHRIST IS THY STRENGTH AND CHRIST THY RIGHT,
LAY HOLD ON LIFE, AND IT SHALL BE,
THY JOY AND CROWN ETERNALLY.

RUN THE STRAIGHT RACE THROUGH GOD'S GOOD
GRACE,
LIFT UP THINE EYES, AND SEEK CHRISTS FACE.
LIFE WITH IT'S WAY BEFORE US LIES,
CHRIST IS THE PATH, AND CHRIST THE PRIZE.

CAST CARE ASIDE; LEAN ON THY GUIDE,
GOD'S BOUNDLESS MERCY WILL RPOVIDE
TRUST AND THY TRUSTING SOUL SHALL PROVE.
CHRIST IS Its LIFE, AND CHRIST IT'S LOVE.

Leader: The worship is over.

All: Our Service begins.