

# Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Love Divine"

**Hymnal #657**

**Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

The Confession & Absolution

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear the holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind for worship, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*A substantial silence for reflection is kept.*

*Officiant* You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* The almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, renewal of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Rise, O shine, for your light has come! For, look, darkness covers the earth, and gloom enshrouds the peoples; but the glory of the LORD has dawned upon us.

Song of the Season: "The Way Knows the Way"

Lyndsey Scott

**You don't have to know the way;  
the way knows the way.  
You don't have to plan the way;  
Trust the way, feel your way.  
The way knows,  
The way knows,  
The way knows the way**

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **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.

Song of Faith: Psalm 37:1-12

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 God and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in God, \*  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Holy One and put your trust in God,  
who will bring it to pass,

**So that your righteousness may be clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before God; \*  
for God wait patiently.

**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 God 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.**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

*Reader* A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

Strive for the greater gifts, and I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all the mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in injustice, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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."

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Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

## The Prayers

Officiant        We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant        The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Officiant        Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).*

Officiant        Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Officiant        Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

Officiant        Let us pray for all those in authority.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

Officiant        Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Celebrant* Lord God, the bright splendor whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light, discern the glory of your presence in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Savior. Guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in him. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### The Peace

*Celebrant* We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*All* **And also with you!**

### Announcements

- Lent Bible study
- Lent Faith at Home Envelopes
- Shrove Tuesday, March 1; Ash Wednesday, March 2

## The Commissioning of God's People

*In this season of Epiphany, as we recall Christ revealed to all peoples, we are called by God to share Christ's love through our own daily living. In this season, we commission ourselves and one another to fulfill our callings, supported by the Holy Spirit. We will honor different broad categories of vocation, work or life path/phase each week. You are invited to hold up your hands or stand for any or all of the commissionings which reflect the work you do in the world.*

*Priest* Now there are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit.

*People* **There are a variety of services but the same Lord.**

*Priest* There are many parts within the one Body.

*People* **There are many splendors within one Light.**

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*Priest*

For all who are caregivers for self or others: homemakers and child care workers, physicians, nurses and those who assist them; those who care for animals and those who work to protect the environment; all counselors, social workers and mental health professionals; those whose daily work is tending to their own physical or mental wellbeing; all clergy and the laity who support their work, caring for God's people on behalf of God's church.

*People* **We commission you to this work and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement and support.**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts and fill our lives with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Song: "This Little Light"

*Prepared by the Rev. Thomas McAlpine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

**Shine all over the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine...**