



GOOD SAMARITAN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Followers of Jesus, with open minds
and hearts to serve*

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025 | Good Samaritan Episcopal Church | 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nanci Slagle

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome

Two Oaks

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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 our Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

We Will Take What You Offer

Iona Community

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two are for the second line. Chords are indicated above the notes: Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F, G, A, and Dm.

We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;
we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord.

We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;
we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

(Read responsively by verse)

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, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in the Holy One *
who will bring it to pass.

**God 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 God. *

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, *
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
rescuing them from the wicked and delivering them,
because they seek refuge in God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Reader Today's second lesson is taken from the book of Corinthians.

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 dishonor, 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll & Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

People **Glory to you, Jesus 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

Repeat The Sequence - Celtic Alleluia

We invite all 1st through 5th graders to join Story Share with our Good Sam's kids & youth leaders.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Amy Lindeman Allen

Please stand as you are able.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV

- Litanist* Holy God, wherever we are, you are there. Stir our hearts wherever we may go that we may see you and offer thanksgiving for the life you have given us. Hear these prayers we offer as we say, Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* For the church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of the God's people, those next to us here, those in neighborhood churches, and those worshipping today across the globe. Help us to grow into a unity of mission and ministry in our common devotion to Christ that we might be faithful witnesses of your love. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* For those in civil authority: That they be guided by hope and not fear. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* For this faith community; amid joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us; those who have sacrificed for us. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us. Help us to protect and nurture the creation and ever proclaim its wonders. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those who are lonely or neglected, and for those facing illness and disability. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* For those who have died, for those who are dying, and for those who grieve, that they might find hope in your promise of lasting life. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Litanist* In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's Episcopal Church in Crawfordsville, and The Rev. Jason Fortner. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant* As is our custom, whom else shall we pray for?
- Celebrant* Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place and time, and guide us to Christ, preparing the way for us by making every valley filled and every mountain low. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(a brief silence may be kept)

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We are open minded followers of Jesus who focus on loving, serving, and including all people. No exceptions.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Be Still and Know that I am God

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

1. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A-men.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A (INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE)

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

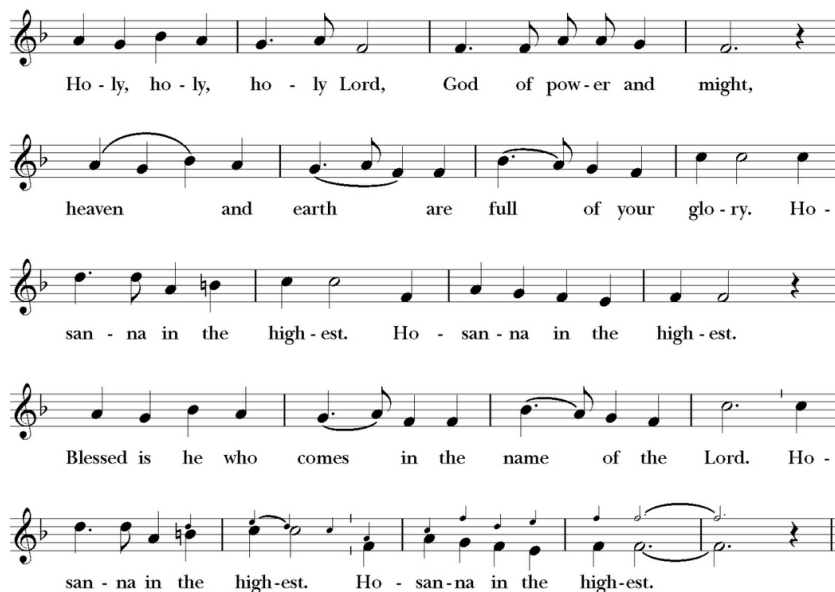
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy (S-125)

Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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.

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 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All who are followers of Christ, regardless of your church background (or not!), are warmly welcome to receive the gifts of bread and wine (non-alcoholic is also available) in Holy Communion. Come forward and the priest (or assisting clergy) will place a piece of bread into your palm. Gluten-free bread is available; simply ask the minister. You may either drink from the cup or cross your arms over your chest to pass the wine. Receiving bread only is still considered full communion if you prefer not to receive the wine at this time. If you do not wish to receive bread and wine, we welcome you to come forward anyway and to cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer for God's blessing upon you.



Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRIESTLY BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

God of Freedom, God of Justice

Cwm Rhondda

God of freedom, God of justice, you whose love is strong as death, you who saw the dark of prison, you who knew the price of faith-- touch our world of sad oppression with your spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror, you whose hands were nailed to wood; hear the cries of pain and protest, you who shed the tears and blood-- move in us the power of pity restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience quick to hear, to act, to plead; make us truly sisters, brothers of whatever race or creed-- teach us to be fully human, open to each other's need - open to each other's need.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Our worship is over; now our service begins!

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With thanks to those who serve today!

<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Amy Lindeman Allen
<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. James T. Said
<i>Gospeller</i>	The Rev. Yvonne Brandenburg
<i>Readers</i>	Deb Ruckman & Grace Coffey
<i>Litanist</i>	Roger Johns
<i>Chalice</i>	Wendy Meaden & Dean Cantwell
<i>Altar Guild & Prep</i>	JoAnn Bailey & Susie Main
<i>Ushers</i>	Andrew Baum, Karen Farmer, Roger Johns, & Mike Diener
<i>Acolytes</i>	Drew Dixon, Eleanor Paloma, Richard Hilts, & William Allen
<i>Greeters</i>	Christa & Mark Nierzwick
<i>Director of Music</i>	Kendall Ludwig
<i>Musician in Residence</i>	Ann Lovko
<i>Directors of Hospitality</i>	Susan Davis & Burnie Wilkins
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<i>Bishop's Committee Member on Duty</i>	Mike Kennedy
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