

# Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #637 - How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

## Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

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.*

## Hymn of Praise

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #280*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord 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.*

*The people sit.*

# The Word of God

## First Reading

A reading from The Book of Leviticus (19:1-2,9-18).

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. <sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 119:33-40**

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*Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
(3:10-11,16-23).

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may

become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.  
For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

<sup>20</sup> and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,  
that they are futile.”

<sup>21</sup> So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours,

<sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or  
the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup> and you belong to  
Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord  
People  
Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Sequence Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #602 - Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(5:38-48).

Praise to you, Lord Christ

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for  
a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone  
strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup> and if anyone  
wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup> and if  
anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup> Give to  
everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to  
borrow from you. <sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love  
your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your

enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord  
People  
Glory to you, Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

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 people stand or kneel as they are able*

## **Prayers of the People**

**Intercessor:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united  
in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the  
world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of  
justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the  
common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

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Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*All say together*

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.*

### **Absolution**

*Bishop or Priest*

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**

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

**People** *And also with you.*

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The people sit.*

### **Our work this week**

*The Priest says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*the people stands as they are able, as the alms are brought forward*

### **The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures, here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**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.*

*Celebrant*

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

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

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #129*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. AMEN

*The People respond Amen.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***People and  
Celebrant***

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

## Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #167*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon*

*Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

### *The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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 are invited to receive communion. Come to the rail, extend your hands one over the other, the minister will place bread in your palm, which you consume; to receive wine raise your hands, the minister will offer you the chalice, please guide it to your lips and sip. If you choose not to receive you may receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. You may choose to remain seated*

### **Communion Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #339 - Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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

### **Blessing**

BOS 24

*The Bishop or Priest says*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #610 - Lord, whose love through humble servic

**Dismissal**

**Deacon**                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Prayers**

Ronnie, Joe, Bill, Chris, John, Buzz, Dale, Angie, Marcel, Corbet, Evan, Harry, Cooper Richey, Charles, Renee, Carolyn, Sam, Sandra, Chris and family, Debbie, "E", Sarah and Ray, Leila & Diana Khouny, Claude, Jessica Williams and her family, Larry, Vince, John and Deb, Peggy and Dave, Charles, Tucker & Ellen, Adam, Jenna, Mary-Gay, Carter & Charles, Dennis, Alice, Dennis and Molly Hay, Rey, Sarah and Family, the Quinn family, those suffering from seasonal storms and fires, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name...

## **Calendar**

2/23 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am fellowship and Sunday School

2/25 Alanon 6:00 pm

2/28 Friday Families 6:00 pm

3/2 Last Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am fellowship and Sunday School

3/5 Ash Wednesday  
7:00 am Eucharist with imposition of Ashes  
3:00 pm Ashes on Main

## **Announcements**

Ash Wednesday; 7 am Imposition of Ashes; 4 till 6 join me for Ashes on Main

Holy Week and Easter Services on our Web Site

Ministry Support - March 9 - 16 suggestions for ministries to support; Prayerful considerations March 23 through 30; Red Dot Voting April 6 through April 13; announcement on Easter

## Worship Leaders

Date/ proper	Service	EM Worship Ldr	reader	Intercessor
2/23 7 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany	Eucharist	Liz Cato		Beth McGrain
March				
3/2 Last Epiphany	Eucharist	Beth McGrain		Pat McGrain
3/5 Ash Wed.	Ashes & Eucharist	Liz Cato		Connie Erwin

## Prayer Lists

### Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

**Sunday 23-Feb-2014 Epiphany 7** Psalm: 5: 4-8 I Cor. 4: 14-21  
 PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Most  
 Revd Armando Guerra Soria Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Guatemala

**Monday 24-Feb-2014** Psalm: 84: 1-7 I Cor. 5  
 Ballarat - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Garry Weatherill

**Tuesday 25-Feb-2014** Psalm: 116: 12-end I Cor. 6: 1-11  
 Bangor - (Wales) The Rt Revd Andrew John

**Wednesday 26-Feb-2014** Psalm: 40: 8-13 I Cor. 6: 12-20  
 Banks & Torres - (Melanesia) The Revd Alfred Worek

**Thursday 27-Feb-2014** Psalm: 100 I Cor. 7: 1-24  
 Clogher - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd John McDowell

**Friday 28-Feb-2014** Psalm: 33: 13-end I Cor. 7: 25-40

Bari - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Idris Zubairu

**Saturday 01-Mar-2014** St David of Wales Psalm: 45: 10-end I Cor. 8

Barrackpore - (North India) The Rt Revd Brojen Malakar

### **Diocese of Arkansas**

- 23** All Saints', Paragould  
Grace, Pine Bluff  
Trinity, Pine Bluff
- 24** St. Andrew's, Rogers  
Deacon Formation Program  
All Saints', Russellville
- 25** Trinity, Searcy  
Episcopal Church Women  
St. Alban's, Stuttgart
- 26** St. Peter's, Tollville  
All Episcopal day schools  
Trinity, Van Buren
- 27** Holy Cross, West Memphis  
Keller Fund for Ministry board  
Good Shepherd, Little Rock
- 28** Grace, Wynne  
Diocesan department of finance  
Commission on Liturgy and Music
- 29** Commission on Ministry  
Program and Budget Committee
- 30** Diocesan Board of Trustees
- 31** St. Nicholas', Maumelle  
Emmanuel, Lake Village
- 1** St. Paul's, McGehee  
All Saints', Bentonville  
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- 2** St. Matthew's, Benton  
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