

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – February 20, 2022

*The Sermon on the Plain: God's mercy must be expressed
in the life of the Christian.*

Prelude	<i>Liebster Jesu</i>	J. S. Bach
Processional Hymn 657	<i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>	
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THE WORD OF GOD

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God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Com. Hymns 391 *Before the Lord's eternal throne*

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *Finale from Partita on St. Flavian* Healy Willan

The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson

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.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Noli aemulari

- 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, because they seek refuge in him.

The Epistle

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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.

The Gospel **Luke 6:27-38**

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."

The mid-week Eucharist is cancelled through the month of February.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Rip Radcliffe, Sandy Sturgill, Sharon Colston, Vel Gray, and Nancy Campbell; and with those celebrating anniversaries: Dixon Cole and Ginny Gale.

We pray for the search committee of our diocese as they discern the candidates for the election of our 14th Diocesan Bishop and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Emmanuel – Delaplane, St. Andrew's – Ada, St. Barnabas – Annandale, and Trinity - Charlottesville.

REMINDER: Next Sunday, February 27th, we will have a joint service at 10:00 a.m. to welcome Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as our celebrant and preacher.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	the Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	the Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Henry Moncure

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Officiant / Sermon	the Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	the Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Debbie Davis
Crucifer / Acolyte	Tom Clarke
Lector	Miles Libbey
Eucharistic Minister	Grace Parker
Gosp. Bk. Bearer/Euch. Min./Intercessions	Sharon Colston
Ushers	Dave South & Chris Jones
Altar Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, & Jennifer Cronk
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Robin Wells & Jack Fackler

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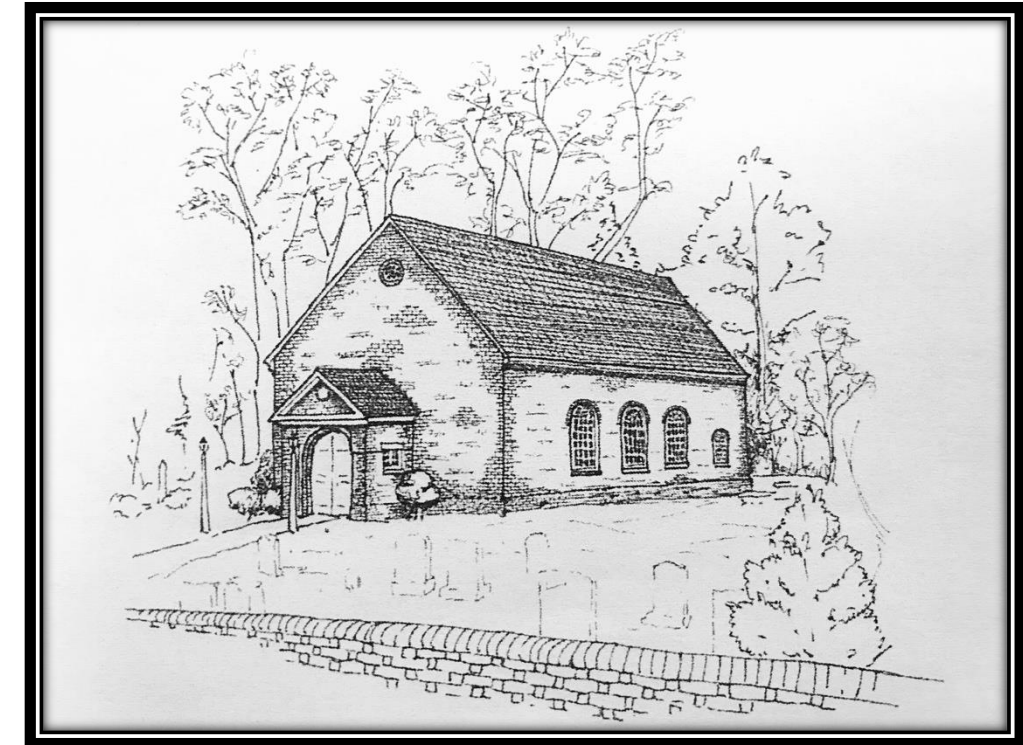
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

February 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*