



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

ACS 1043

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BIBLE BUNCH

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Genesis 45: 3 - 11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³Joseph 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. ⁴Then 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. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For 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. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹I 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.'"

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37: 1 - 11, 39 - 40

- ¹Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
²**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,**
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.
³Put your trust in the LORD¹ and do good;

dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
 who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
 and see what ¹ God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
 and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who
 succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
 do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
 but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.

¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
 even if you search out their place, they will ¹ not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall pos- ¹ sess the land;
 they will delight in abun- ¹ dance of peace.

³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
 you are their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue them;
 you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in
 you ¹ they seek refuge.

GOSPEL

Luke 6: 27 - 38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what

credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God of Every Nation”

vs. 1, 4 ELW 713

CREED

P: Together we affirm our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

vs. 2, 3, 4 ELW 708

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,

for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news

and to proclaim your favor to all,

strengthened with the richness of your grace

in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken” *vs. 1, 4, 5* ELW 603

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY

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Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
Sarah Pascoe	Cantor
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, Lynette and the family of Fran Moore as they mourn her passing.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm.
- Join in the Zoom Coffee Hour Sunday mornings after worship.

PASSING THE PLATE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual Report are available for pick-up in the narthex. You may view the full 2021 Annual Report on the church website homepage: www.stphilipstoronto.com.



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday

Tuesday Bible Study @ 7:00 pm on Zoom

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,
neighbour and self.*

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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