

# The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

## February 20, 2022

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God: O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,  
**C** We are embarrassed to come before you, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. And therefore we are embarrassed. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.
- P** O Lord, great God, all holy, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love.  
**C** Incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy - on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103: "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him."  
**C** Amen.

# Opening Hymn

# The Compassion Hymn



There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You  
 And with com - pas - sion for the hurt - ing, You  
 We stood be - neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that car - ry this

lav - ished on us when the ra - diance of heav - en came to  
 reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the  
 gazed on Your face, at the thorns of op - pres - sion and the  
 gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - jus - tice and the

res - cue the lost; You called the sheep with - out a  
 dead breathed a - gain; You saw be - hind the eyes of  
 wounds of dis - grace; For sure - ly You have borne our  
 val - leys of need, To be a voice of hope and

shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your streams of for -  
 sor - row and shared in our tears, heard the sigh of the  
 suf - fring and car - ried our grief as You par - doned the  
 heal - ing to an - swer the cries of the hun - gry and

give - ness and the shade of Your rest.  
 wea - ry, let the chil - dren draw near. What bound - less  
 scoff - er and showed grace to the thief.  
 help - less with the mer - cy of Christ.

love, what fath - om - less grace You have shown us, O

God of com - pas - sion! Each day we live, an

of - fring of praise as we show to the world Your com - pas - sion.

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## Psalm

*Psalm 103:1–13*

- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**
- P** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- C** **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- P** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C** **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- P** He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- C** **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- C** **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- C** **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
- P** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 32:22—33:10*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. <sup>2</sup>And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup>He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>4</sup>But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. <sup>5</sup>And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." <sup>6</sup>Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. <sup>7</sup>Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. <sup>8</sup>Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." <sup>9</sup>But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." <sup>10</sup>Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 2:11–18*

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Rite of Confirmation

### Installation of Lay Leaders

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Holy Gospel

John 20:19–23

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

## Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

## Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

The musical score is written on five staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, we are  
We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, we will  
All praise to the Fa - ther from whom all things come, and all  
one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we  
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -  
praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son, and all  
pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
love, yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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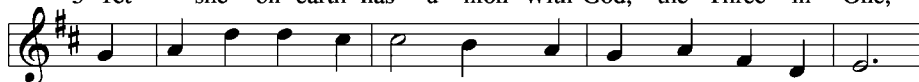


# Distribution Hymn #644

# The Church's One Foundation



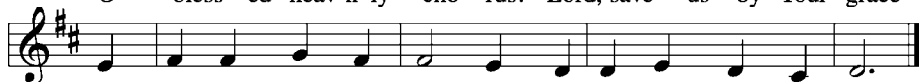
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.

Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76

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## Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation, Which You have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #784

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall  
trea - sure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79  
Tune: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787–1864  
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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

# Announcements

## Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM

## Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

## Wednesday

- **Zoom Group Study "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis** - 7:00 PM

## Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study** 9:00 AM

Thank you for the many cards, prayers and help from my St. James family. Your love and support is so greatly appreciated. Joyce Schmidt



Episode 33 of [Craving Answers, Craving God](#) is available. The topic of discussion for Pastor Aaron and Chuck Rathert is "Why Being Good Isn't Enough". Episode 33 is the newest installment of CACG.



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