

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



"The Recognition of Joseph by his Brothers" fresco by Peter Cornelius, 1816

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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

***Welcome to worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!
Your presence enriches our community.***

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 +

PRELUDE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

James Jelasic, piano

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

ELW #684

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

GREETING

P The grace of the incarnate Christ, the love of God
And the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

GLORIA

Congregation:




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




peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

(Refrain begins)



You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;

To refrain



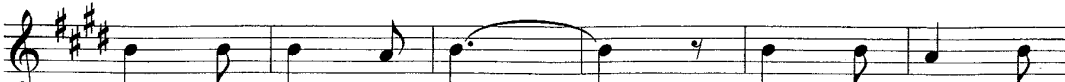
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)



All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,

To refrain



ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-11, 15

Kathleen Keyes

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.

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 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.

L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Erik

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel*

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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 to enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

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.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS #1043

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance;
so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace, C **hear our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

A Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we offer these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Ecumenical*

**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.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW #678 TUNE: BEACHSPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Gracious God,
C **your son Jesus, the Word-made-flesh, brings renewed hope to the world.
As we offer ourselves with these gifts, help us to embody the hope he brings
to all the suffering ones who long for safety and have no place to lay their heads.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The Triune God, who calls you by name and leads you in paths of justice,
+ bless your going out and your coming in this day and forevermore.
C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW #656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin. we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Andante in E Flat Major

Carl Fischer



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RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY, FEB. 27

The Safe Opening Task Force has given the green light to resuming In-Person Worship beginning February 27th. Our Live Stream service will continue to be offered on our [Live Stream YouTube channel](#) at 10:30am each Sunday.

To reserve your place at worship, go to [EVENTBRITE](#) and sign up. Remember to only reserve ONE SPACE for yourself or family group.

THE SEASON OF LENT begins with **Ash Wednesday on March 2nd**. This service will be offering In-Person as well as Live Stream. Sign up via [EVENTBRITE](#). The five subsequent Wednesday evening services will focus on five divine attributes drawn from the gospel texts for Lent: faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. These services will take place on ZOOM.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.



As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Sarah Bliss; Cindy Collie; Gaviella DeBoer; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Gary Humphries; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Karen Kunze; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Michelle Pierce; Cal Seibel; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalading; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; Charles Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Kim Sundbloom; Sarah Taylor; Tom Vane; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Megan Webber; Nanette Wichman; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Inta Zagars
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