

**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
**February 27, 2025**  
**The Thursday after The Seventh Sunday after The Epiphany**  
*George Herbert, Priest, 1633*

**The Opening Sentence,** *prayed by the Officiant.*

✠ I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. – *Isaiah 49:6b*

**The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Officiant*        Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People pray together,*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord ✠ grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant*        O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People*            And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**Glory 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.**

*Officiant*        *The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.*

The Venite, *prayed by all.*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 121 *prayed by all.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory 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.

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now if the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory! Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 2. A Song of Praise, *prayed by all.*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 5. The Song of Simeon, *prayed by all.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, will be forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed, *prayed by all.*

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 Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
✠ the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers

Officiant        The Lord be with you.  
People            **And with thy spirit.**  
Officiant        Let us pray.

### The Suffrages

V.        O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
R.        **Govern them and lift them up for ever.**  
V.        Day by day we magnify thee;  
R.        **And we worship thy name ever, world without end.**  
V.        Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
R.        **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**  
V.        O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
R.        **As our trust is in thee.**  
V.        O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
R.        **Let me never be confounded.**

**The Collects,** *prayed by the Officiant.*

### The Collect of the Day: George Herbert

Our God and King, who didst call thy servant George Herbert from the pursuit of worldly honors to be a pastor of souls, a poet, and a priest in thy temple: Give unto us the grace, we beseech thee, joyfully to perform the tasks thou givest us to do, knowing that nothing is menial or common that is done for thy sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving, *prayed by all.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

### The Homily

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *prayed by the Officiant.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## The Holy Eucharist

## Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*          **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*          **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People pray together,*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. † Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and **✠** be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*All pray together,*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access, *prayed by all.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under



thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

### The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* 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.

### The Holy Communion

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (*for those joining via the live-stream*),

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**The Post-Communion Prayer**, *prayed by all*.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the ✙ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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