

GATHERING, PRELUDE, O Breath of Life **543**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness **140**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *PO*

**O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that the Scripture we are about to hear
will become God's Word for us
in this day and age.**

**May we listen to what the Spirit
is saying to the church. Amen**

SCRIPTURE: **Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Luke 6:27-38**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE *FotW*

Jesus promised us that God is kind ... even to us.

Trusting in God's kindness and love, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not
followed your ways or trusted your promises.**

**We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Fill our hearts with your selfless love.

Change our lives by your matchless grace.

These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

{silent prayers}

Children of the Most High God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
we have received grace in good measure —
spilling out and running over.

In Jesus Christ, we are freed and forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen

CHOIR Hymn of Promise **707**

SERMON

HYMN: O God of Every Nation **435**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

God has given us life and resources for it, so
with joy and in gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER *FotW*

**O God, may these gifts be used as a witness
to your love, peace and justice
at work in the world,
renewing the face of the earth. Amen**

HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations **428**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *1 Corinthians 15:48-49* *PO*

As those who are of dust and of heaven,
bear the image of God into the world,
lift up the brokenhearted and stand with the oppressed.

Love God with all your heart, and
love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Amen

POSTLUDE The Strife is O'er the Battle Done **306**

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This week that is Roger Gench

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year C – 7th Sunday after the Epiphany– February 23, 2025

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Scriptures

Genesis 45:3–11, 15 Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40
1 Corinthians 15:35–50 Luke 6:27–38

Questions for Reflection:

How has God sent you to be a preserver of what is good and healthy?
How is your family living up to the wisdom that Joseph showed in caring for the people of Egypt and, eventually, even his own kin?

Morning Prayer:

In the morning when I rise, O God,
you are with me strong and sure,
turning my dreams into insights
and teaching me the delights of your law.
You preserve my life day after day,
and in return, I rejoice at the new dawn.
Guard my waiting this day, O Lord,
guide my feet and my hands,
give me stillness and patience
so that I may give delight to myself
and to those I meet;
in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Lord, throughout this day you have rescued us
from harm and despair,
giving us instead the joy of accomplishment
and fellowship with our family and friends.
Protect us through the night, Holy One,
that in our dreams we will not be shaken
but will see you face to face and wake renewed.
We take refuge in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.



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