

Evening of Prayer – February 23, 2022

Epiphany 7

**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
(John 13.34)**

The Preparation

Leader: Let our prayers be set forth in your sight as incense,

All: The lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, you have established your throne in the heavens. May your kingdom come, and your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Rule in our hearts through Jesus Christ, that we may rejoice in our salvation through his lordship. Amen. ¹

Liturgy of the Word

Leader: A reading from Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

At the conclusion of the reading

Leader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Confession

Leader: Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

Silence for reflection is kept.

Leader: Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers of the People

Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, for this gathering, for our bishop Todd, our rector Musa and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people.

Silence

Leader: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the mission of the Church. Pray for the coming of God's kingdom among all nations and peoples.

Silence

Leader: O Lord our God, you have made all races and nations to be one family, and you sent your Son Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people. Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation, bring the nations of the world into your fellowship, and hasten the coming of your kingdom. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: I ask your prayers for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone. Pray that God may be glorified in all his saints.

Silence

Leader: O God, the giver of eternal life, we give you thanks and praise for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints. Grant to us, and to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, a share in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ and fullness of joy in the fellowship of all your saints. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Leader: Let us give thanks to almighty God for all his goodness.

Silence

Leader: You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power. You are worthy to receive blessing and praise, now and for ever.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As we join our voices to pray the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught we commend to you Lord those who have said no prayers and those for whom no one has prayed. We pray that they would know your peace this evening.

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Leader: Gracious God, support us all the day long of this earthly life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, O God, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Go from here, in the Spirit and power of Christ, To share the good news, To proclaim release to the captives, Recovery of sight to the blind, To let the oppressed go free, To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. And as you go Fulfilling Christ's mission The living Christ will be with you. ²

Acknowledgements

1 and 2. Invocations and Benedictions for the Revised Common Lectionary, John M. Drescher (ed) Abington Press, Nashville, 1998. (99 and 111)