



## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

**WELCOME!** Today, we welcome the Preschool Choir (8:30am). We also hear challenging words by Jesus to love those who are difficult. May God's grace inspire us through the ups and downs, reminding us that we are never alone.

**GUESTS**, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist  
Harrison Michael, Spm Worship Leader

### GATHERING HYMN: *For All the Saints*

#422 vv. 1-3

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace changes **everything!**

Grace, God's unconditional love seen fully and finally in Jesus -  
**empowers us to be the beloved children of God.**

Grace, unmerited mercy changes the way we view others -  
**causing us to see all people as created in the image of God.**

Grace, overflowing kindness gives us power to move forward -  
**to face the sorrows and struggles of life, knowing God will find a way.**

Grace, God's action upon the cross in Jesus -  
**shows us the depth of God's love which gives hope for today and tomorrow.**

Grace changes **everything! Amen.**

### THE HYMN: *For All the Saints*

#422 vv. 4-5

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest

## Alleluia! Alleluia!

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God whose love encircles all, You are the one in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank You for the moments when we see You most clearly. May this time of worship inspire our living with hope, even when things are difficult, knowing that You are always present and Your love assured; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

PRESCHOOL CHOIR: *A Penny in My Pocket* by Jana Alayra (8:30am) Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum  
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

### THE LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11,15

Joseph 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. Then 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. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For 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. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So 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. Hurry 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. You 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. I 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.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 31 (Visual Presentation)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.) #169



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.  
(People sing **Alleluia** again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-36

**Jesus said, "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek,**

**offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, 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 himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

THE ANTHEM: *10,000 Reasons* by Myrin & Redman (10am)  
Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** #807  
**Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

THE MESSAGE: *Yosef, Yeshua, and You* Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)  
*Rewind and Be Kind* Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Known* by Tauren Wells Andy Degan

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace,

**Your love reaches to the heavens and Your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to Your service; our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. May our lives overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a minister.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

**Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#195

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.**

#712

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

**We are One in the Spirit**

**We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored**

Refrain: **And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand**

**We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land (Refrain)**

**All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one (Refrain)**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING, BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

#865 vv. 1-3

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor  
to our forebears in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Glorious is his faithfulness!**

**Tenderly he shields and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist  
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Diane Kelly & Pat McKinley; Lector: Richard Carlson; Ushers: Matt Dubow & Bob Gaumer; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Communion: Lisa Mers & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Ron Bacon; Ushers: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Gia Lugo-Overton; Welcome Table: Julie Sweany

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** provided by Cheryl Swinehart in loving memory of her husband, Mike & son, Paul.

**WELCOME** to our Preschool Choir (Director Michelle Lum) and their families this morning (8:30am). Thank you to the children for singing for us!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** takes place every Wednesday, 10am, Knudson Hall. This study is led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen. All women are invited to join at any time!

**ART INSTALLATION** is hanging down the center aisle. *Following Yonder Stars* is comprised of 1,197 stars and depicts several people's journeys to Jesus. Thanks to the art ministry!

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT** (March 7-9) in Tempe, AZ. Carpool over on Friday (5:45am), two ball games, great fellowship, return Sunday. Includes tickets, rooms, breakfasts. This trip is full. Make plans to come next year, March 6-8, 2026!

**LETTERPRESS WORKSHOP** - February 27, 9-11:30am at Concordia University in Irvine. Join the Art Ministry for a printmaking workshop led by Rachelle Chuang. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

**ROPE BASKET WORKSHOP** - The second meeting of this 2 part workshop is February 28 from 1-2pm in Bankson Hall. It is led by Kelly Bridge.

**GRIEF HEALING GROUP** - Meets on Thursdays at 1pm in Knudson Hall. The group meets weekly on Thursday. All in need are welcome to join at any time. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** at Gloria Dei for Barbara Mesa is this Saturday, March 1, at 10am. Light refreshments following on the patio.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** invites people of all ages to join, the first Saturday of the month, 9am, Knudson Hall. They meet next on March 1. Experienced knitters to help with this wonderful ministry. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like information, call the office.

**LUNCH & LEARN (L&L)** - Celebrating Life Community Health Center presents their ministry to under-served groups in OC. Bankson Hall, Sunday, March 2, 11:30am. Sign up to hear about this amazing ministry.

**SEASON OF LENT** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 with 3 opportunities to receive imposition of ashes: 8am Drive by; 12pm Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary; 7pm Worship in Bankson Hall.

(Soup supper begins at 6pm in Bankson Hall.). Lenten Offering boxes available at the Welcome Table. This year offerings will go to Disaster Response (Wildfires) and World Central Kitchen.

**FIRST COMMUNION** preparation for children is 3 consecutive Wednesdays at 5:15pm: March 12, 19 & 26. Each child & a parent or grandparent meet with Pastor David in the Sanctuary. First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday. Sign-up.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP** will be every Wednesday at 6pm with Lenten worship at 6:30pm from March 12 - April 9. If you want to bring soup to share, sign up at the Welcome Table.

**LOS ANGELOS ORPHANAGE TRIP** - Sat., March 15, 7am - 7pm. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Table. Passport required. If you can't attend, but want to help, contact Eric Houser for donation ideas.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

**OFFERING** - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**DEI-LY UPDATES:** Gloria Dei provides weekly email news for friends and members. This is church and ministry news only. If you would like to receive updates, go to the website: [mygloriadei.org](https://mygloriadei.org) & sign up.

**MUSIC** at Gloria Dei! Art & Music Director Michelle Lum welcomes participation and volunteers in our Sanctuary Choir (older teens/adults, Thursdays, 7:30pm), Bell Choir (Thursdays, 6:30pm), and more. Please speak with her if you have any questions ([michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org)).

**XTRA PRAYERS** - If you would like extra prayer, please visit with Deacon Daneen and other people at the Prayer Candle Station (near organ pipes) after worship. They are happy to pray with you.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for next fall is done and the preschool is full. They do have a long waiting list. If you would like more information about our preschool, reach out to the Director Shelli Parajeckas ([preschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:preschool@mygloriadei.org)).

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am)

**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); GIFT (Giving Is Our Thing) Group (10am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Staff Meeting (12:30pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); Letterpress Workshop (9am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing Group (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Handbells (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Al Anon Meeting (10am); Rope Basket Workshop Part 2 (1pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Mirabell Trio Concert (April 5)
- Women's Tea (April 26)
- Blood Drive (May 7)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC/Party and Dinner (September 19)
- Women's Retreat (October 3-5)
- Oktoberfest (October 11)