

MORNING PRAYER II WITH COMMUNION  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION  
FEBRUARY 23, 2025 - 8 A.M.

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to one of our ushers, so we can send you more information about our church. We are blessed that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you!

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red book), The Hymnal 1982 (blue book), and LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of The Hymnal 1982. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers. All items in **bold** are to be read aloud by the people.

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| <b>PRELUDE</b>  | <b>Deep River</b>                | <b>Parish Choir 2007</b> |
| <b>PROCESSIONAL</b>   | <b>Lift every voice and sing</b> | <b>LEVAS Hymnal 1</b>    |
| <b>OPENING SENTENCE</b> <i>All stand, if able</i>   |                                  |                          |
| Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. |                                  |                          |
| Isaiah 49:6b  |                                  | <b>BCP 76</b>            |
| <b>CONFESSION OF SIN</b>  |                                  | <b>BCP 79</b>            |
| <b>INVITATORY AND PSALTER</b>   |                                  | <b>BCP 81</b>            |
| Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:  |                                  |                          |
| People: <b>Come let us adore him.</b>   |                                  |                          |
| <b>VENITE</b>   |                                  | <b>BCP 82</b>            |
| <b>PSALM 118</b> <i>Please be seated</i>  |                                  | <b>BCP 760</b>           |

**THE LESSONS**

**THE FIRST LESSON** **GENESIS 9:8-17**

A Lesson from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

A Lesson from the Gospel According to Luke.

Then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

*Lector:* Here ends the Lesson.

## THE HOMILY

Father Fabio Sotelo

### AN ACT OF COMMITMENT TO RACIAL JUSTICE **MIC ON**

*Officiant:* Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous women and men have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God's love and moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you loving all God's children?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal and break the bonds of silence?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

*All:* **With the help of God, I will.**

May almighty God empower you to continue his work of reconciliation, give you the courage to overcome fears and embody love, give you grace to grow in self-awareness and personal integrity, and strengthen you to seek the unity that is in Christ, that we may rejoice with all God's children as disciples of God's Son. **Amen**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Officiant:* God of all, we confess that we have inherited a faith that was used to justify the enslavement of your people. From this sin, we ask for deliverance.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

*Litanist:* Touch hearts that have been shrivelled by generations of suppressed empathy, and eyes that have lost the ability to see brothers and sisters who suffer from systemic injustice.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

Grant us courage to renounce the false teaching that we can somehow know you without being committed to justice for all people.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

In your mercy, help us mourn the divisions among the body of your Son, and work for healing in the places where we gather to worship you.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

As we name and unlearn the habits of racism, discrimination, and prejudice, give us grace to draw deeply from the witness of the movements that have always resisted injustice in the power of your Spirit.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

We pray with thanksgiving for the prophetic leaders who guide, challenge and inspire us today and for the birthdays of Shaun Rolle, Rich Van Slyke, Trinitee Dahn, John Talipsky, Sr., and Sarita Earwood, and the anniversary of Henry & Eunia Gobah. Give us grace to follow them to freedom.

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

Touch with your grace those for whom we pray, especially Jodi, Cameron, Allsion, Jesse, Bryson, Craig, Erica, Angel, Maria, Delores, Cindy, Catherine, Noah, Antonio, Lisa, Xhakeal, Jasmine, Kyle, Sarah, Yvonne, Jan, Patrick, Ruth, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Winsome, Laura, Blanding, Vinny, and the victims of war and violence in the world. (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Lord in your mercy,

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. We entrust to your eternal heart those whom we remember. (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Lord in your mercy,

**Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.**

### **THE COLLECT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

God of love, peace, and unity, we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are; for making us equal as your children from all corners of the earth; and for giving us your blessings as your children; and for making us belong. We pray that you help us realize that we are all made in your image, and we need to bring peace to all your creation as one people who belong to you. We ask all this through Christ our brother. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

BCP 360

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

BCP 376

*Officiant:* God of love, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded that without love, all our actions fall short of their true purpose. May this offering serve to build up your kingdom with faith, hope, and love as its foundation.

**OFFERTORY** **There is a balm in Gilead**

LEVAS HYMNAL 203

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

BCP 97

**THE INVITATION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*Communion is offered in both kinds by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*

**COMMUNION**

**Lamb of God**

St. Edward’s Parish, 2019

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand or kneel*

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**NOTICES** *Please be seated.*

**THE BLESSING** *All stand, if able.*

*Officiant:* Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Sunday Morning Revival**

Kinley Savage



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**Serving Today**

*Officiant & Preacher – Father Fabio Sotelo*

*Assisting – Kathy Ruchalski*

*Altar Guild – Jewel Ffrench & Christiana Jones*

*Psalm – Kathy Ruchalski*

*1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Kevin Lee*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Father Fabio Sotelo*

*Intercessor – Kevin Lee*

*Ushers – Pat Bush & Mark Hefferman*

*Sound & Video – Ted Ruchalski*

*VPOD – Jennifer Khaleel*

*The flowers today are given by Pamela Wade-Parks in memory of Julian B. Wade’s birthday on February 1<sup>st</sup>.*



*Those wishing to donate flowers are asked to contact the parish office @ 770-963-6128 or via email: [parishadmin@stedwardsonline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stedwardsonline.org)*

