

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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## Worship Focus

**Jesus Reveals His Love for His Enemies**



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Common Service with Communion

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### OPENING HYMN

505 - Love Is the Gracious Gift



1 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness;  
2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus.  
3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness;  
4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en,  
5 Love a - mong Chris - tians, love in the fam - 'ly,



Love is the pa - tient fruit of your care;  
Then I re - spond - ed, trust - ing your Son.  
Love is not jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude.  
Love of a hus - band, love of a wife—  
Love for the Sav - ior, whose blood was shed,



Love is the gen - tle work of your Spir - it,  
Now you in - vite me to love my neigh - bor,  
Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be - liev - ing;  
Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and flour - ish,  
Love and sub - mis - sion one to an - oth - er



Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where,  
Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one,  
Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth,  
Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life,  
As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (Irregular) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - men.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

### LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Musical notation for 'LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)', consisting of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the Absolution, consisting of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

C: A - men.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name  
Whose favors are divine.**

**'Tis he forgives my sins;  
'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses  
And makes me young again.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Let us pray. Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON** Leviticus 19:1,2,17,18

God's holy standard is clear: love for neighbor must be equal to the love we have for our self.

LEVITICUS 19:1 The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.

<sup>18</sup>“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

# PSALM

# Psalm 119b

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*Refrain*



Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone*



Teach me, O LORD, to follow | your decrees;\*  
then I will keep them | to the end.

Teach me, O LORD, to follow | your decrees;\*  
then I will keep them | to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will | keep your law\*  
and obey it with | all my heart.

Direct me in the path of | your commands,\*  
for there I | find delight.

## *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from | worthless things;\*  
preserve my life according | to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your | servant,\*  
so that you | may be feared.

How I long for your | precepts!\*  
Preserve my life in your | righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:10, 11, 16-23

Paul didn't bear a grudge because of the divisions in the church, but he lived, spoke and loved like Christ, seeking only to serve.

<sup>1</sup> CORINTHIANS 3:10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." <sup>21</sup> So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future--all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M** Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48**

Love your enemies – a command Jesus himself put into practice.

MATTHEW 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’  
<sup>39</sup> But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup> And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup> If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’  
<sup>44</sup> But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?  
<sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,**  
**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,**  
**and became fully human.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**  
**He suffered death and was buried,**  
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**  
**who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

492 - Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,  
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,  
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er,  
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,  
 Source of life and truth and grace, Word made  
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the  
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and  
 So may we for oth - ers live, Free - ly

flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors  
storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its  
health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and  
have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

all our hu - man race, You our head,  
cru - el dis - cords cease, By your pa -  
joy - ful, young and old, Is there want -  
may your ser - vants give, Yours the gold

who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will  
tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent  
or pain or sor - row? Make us all the  
and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of

ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and  
hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for  
bur - den share, Are there spir - its crushed and  
land and sea; We but stew - ards of your

pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need,  
plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain,  
bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care,  
boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be,

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855-1932, abr., alt.  
Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

**SERMON**  
Matthew 5:38-48

**Do What Doesn't Come Naturally!**

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Lord God, heavenly Father, You are building a living temple for Your Holy Spirit out of the Church, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ, Your Son. Grant faithful master builders to lay upon this foundation that which will survive the day of His return. Never let us trust or boast in our own works, but only in the work You do by Your Spirit through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When there are divisions in the Church on earth, let what is genuine be recognized, that we may always walk the path of Your commandments and so please You. Guide us to a reliance on Your Son, the One who perfectly loved His enemies. Let us imitate Him and be holy as You are holy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You ask us to pray for our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Help us in this task, that all may humbly come before You, confess their sins and be reconciled to You and to each other. Let no one be after selfish gain, but rather help us to consider others more significant than ourselves. Do not let us hate our brother in our heart, but instead model the humility of Your Son and make peace with our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You do not willingly afflict or grieve Your children. Look with compassion on those who are suffering in body or mind [*especially this week we ask for \_\_\_\_\_*]. Remember them in Your mercy, strengthen them in patience, comfort them with the memory of Your goodness and let Your face shine on them, that they may be guarded by Your peace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, by Your Word give us understanding to keep Your Law and observe it with our whole heart. By Your Son's body and blood, confirm to Your servants Your promise, that You may be feared, our reproach turned away and life granted us in Your righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.





## THE SACRAMENT

### **PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES**

**M** The Lord be with you.



**M** Lift up your hearts.



**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

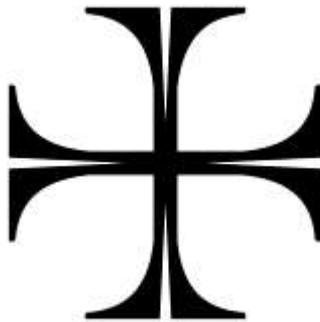
C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

### DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

493 - Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless The  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can  
un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
truth we dim - ly knew; What triv - ial debts are  
bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
owed to us; How great our debt to you!  
bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

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Tune: DETROIT (CM) *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820.



## *The Power of* **Forgiveness**

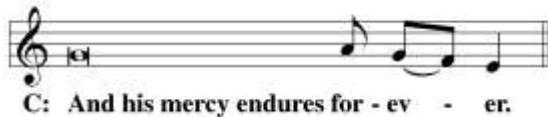
## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

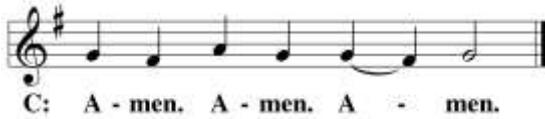
### PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



# CLOSING HYMN

# 479 - Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me No thought  
 2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell  
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt -  
 4 In suf - f'ring be your love my peace; In weak -



can reach, no tongue de - clare. Dwell in my heart e -  
 but your pure love a - lone; Oh, may your love pos -  
 less - ly to you as - pire. Oh, may your love my  
 ness be your love my pow'r; And when the storms of



ter - nal - ly, And reign with - out a ri - val there.  
 sess me whole, My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown!  
 hope re - new, Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire!  
 life shall cease, O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour



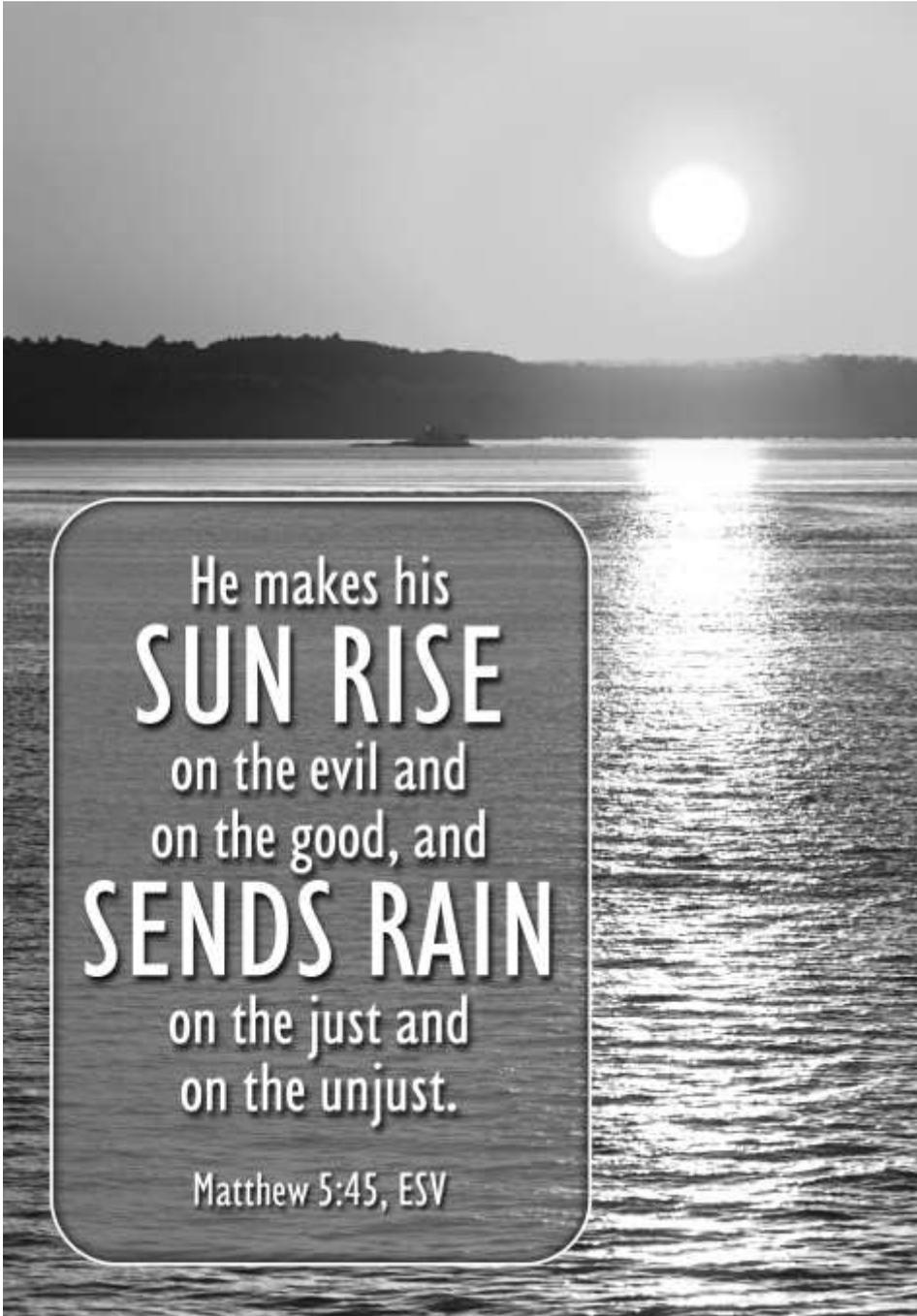
To you a - lone, dear Lord, I live;  
 All cold - ness from my heart re - move;  
 And day and night be all my care  
 Be then my rod and staff and guide



My - self to you, dear Lord, I give,  
 My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
 To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
 And draw me safe - ly to your side.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-91, alt.  
 Tune: WÄTER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) alt. Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*



He makes his  
**SUN RISE**  
on the evil and  
on the good, and  
**SENDS RAIN**  
on the just and  
on the unjust.

Matthew 5:45, ESV