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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
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**Opening Hymn #34**  
***My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker***

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**The First Lesson – Genesis 45:3-15**

<sup>3</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine

has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.<sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> 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 tarry.<sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.<sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'<sup>12</sup> And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.<sup>13</sup> You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."<sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

### **Psalm of the Day- Psalm 103:1-13**

#### ***Antiphon -***

*I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.*

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy  
name!**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
**and forget not all his | benefits,**  
who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
**who heals all your dis- | eases,**  
who redeems your life | from the pit,\*  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and |  
mercy,**  
who satisfies | you with good\*  
**so that your youth is renewed like the |  
eagle's.**

The LORD works | righteousness\*  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
**his acts to the people of | Israel.**

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast  
love.**

He will not | always chide,\*  
**nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.**

He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
**nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those  
who | fear him;**

as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
**so far does he remove our transgres- |  
sions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his | children,\*  
**so the LORD shows compassion to those  
who | fear him.**

**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.**

***Antiphon –***

*I will praise Your name forever, my King and my  
God.*

**The Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:21–26,  
30–42**

<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they

come?”<sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.<sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.<sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.<sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.<sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.<sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

### **The Gospel – Luke 6:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,<sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.<sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.<sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.<sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.<sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive,

what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.<sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;<sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

**The Alleluia – p. 14**

**Confession of Faith**

***The Apostles' Creed – p. 15***

**Hymn of the Day #442**

***Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us***

**Sermon Text – Genesis 45:3-15**

**Sermon**

**As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive**

**Offertory – p. 16**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet believed it would come to good.

Give us such tested faith, and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lead all pastors, missionaries and church workers in faithful service to Your people with compassion and love. Bless every place where we hear Your Word and serve our neighbor in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Help all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism also to bring them to Him faithfully in our congregational worship, that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Let Your love have its way with us, Lord. Lead us to expect no self-interested reward, but to love our enemies and serve those in need. Put an end to all bitterness and strife. Let forgiveness reign between each of us, even as Christ's blood covers our sins before Your heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Uphold civil authority and those responsible to You for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them steadfastly to pursue the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end. Guard all first responders, and protect those who defend us here or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Comfort all who suffer, deliver the sick according to Your will, and sustain by Your grace those troubled in body or soul [*especially* (silent prayer)]. Be with the dying, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and grant them peace at the last. Give Your comfort to those who grieve [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant Your children patience and courage to endure every time of trial with hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You will bring all things to completion according to Your order and time. When Christ comes and all the dead are raised, number us, we pray, among the saints in glory, clothing the perishable with the imperishable and bringing us into eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer – p. 17**

**Sermon Hymn #742 (WS)**

***Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven***

**Prayer**

**The Benediction – p. 21**

**Closing Hymn #443**

***O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea***

**Silent Prayer**

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