



20th February, 2022 Epiphany 7

WHAT DOES TRUE LOVE REALLY MEAN?

CALL TO WORSHIP


O God,
you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen
(<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=113>.)

Heavenly Father,
in glorifying Jesus
and sending us your Spirit,
You open the way to eternal life.
May my sharing in this Gift increase my love
and make my faith grow stronger.
Send Your Spirit to cleanse my life
so that the offering of myself to You at Mass
may be pleasing to You.
May my sharing in the Eucharist,
our Bread of Life,
bring me eternal life.
(Catholic Online, <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=739>).

PRAYER FOR FIRST PEOPLES

Many people have gone before
who have honoured God
by caring for the Land,
in the ways they have lived
and in the stories they have shared.

We give thanks



for the nations and people,
who have held as sacred
the duty of protecting the Land
and living in harmony with it.

May God honour and bless them
– now and to eternity. (2017 A. Koh-Butler)

SONG

Little things with great love

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/575172747/faa9db8fc1>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unutterable holiness, we confess to you and to each other that we have fallen far short of the complete and generous love of Jesus, our divine Brother.

Through our foolishness, our very own foolishness, we have not only stumbled but caused those around us to also fall.

Through our wilfulness, our very own wilfulness, we have not only been corrupted but have aided the corruption of others.

Here and now, holy God, through our repentance, our very own repentance, we acknowledge our sins, turn with dismay from them, and pray for your saving grace to once more forgive and rehabilitate our lives.

May the Spirit of Christ so continue to work in and through us,
that we may forgive those who have sinned against us,
and sincerely seek their rehabilitation.

Through Christ Jesus our sure Redeemer.
AMEN!

ASSURANCE

For us in this church here, it is written: “Grace to you and peace from God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God. and Father; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen!

To God be glory for ever and ever. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)

SONG

Power of your love

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561637071/01fb1eb3d0>

OFFERING



OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your love for us is revealed in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives. Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

READINGS

Luke 6:27-38

REFLECTION

What does true love really mean?

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/676111105/646de632f2>

SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage, and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

Deeper in love

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/675702772/2f398c9d34>

BLESSING

Children of God, if God so loves us, then so should we love one another.

The love of Christ enables us.

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you.

*And we will be children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish;
giving good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, poured into our lap.*

The abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the immeasurable love of God,
and the boundless fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
sbe with you
today and always.
Amen.

SONG

May the good Lord bless and keep you.

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/666375222/a4e1c4350d>

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