



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18–24 (if before Transfiguration)

LECTIONARY 7

Year C

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from Genesis.

³Joseph 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.

⁴Then 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.

⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves
because you sold me here,
for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁶For 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.

⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth
and to keep alive for you many survivors.

⁸So it was not you who sent me here but God;
God has made me a father to Pharaoh
and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

⁹Hurry 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.

¹⁰You 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.

¹¹I 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.’”

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them,
and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life. or The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

A reading from First Corinthians.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised?

With what kind of body do they come?”

³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

³⁸But God gives it a body as God has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

⁴⁴It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual.

⁴⁷The first human was from the earth, made of dust; the second human is from heaven.

⁴⁸As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, dear family, is this:

flesh and blood cannot inherit the dominion of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

「Jesus said:」²⁷“But I say to you who are listening:

Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;

²⁸“bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹“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.

³⁰“Give to everyone who asks of you,

and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.

³¹“Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?

For even sinners love those who love them.

³³“If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?

For even sinners do the same.

³⁴“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.

³⁵“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,
who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

³⁶“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged;

do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

³⁸“give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over,

will be put into your lap,

for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.