

St. David's Episcopal Church
(*Family Sunday*)

Seventh Sunday after "The Epiphany"
February 19th, 2017



The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, *Rector/Dean*
Richard Williams, Herman Clark, *Wardens*
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Dorothy Lundy, *Parish Secretary*

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Captive and the Oppressed”**
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service. Thank you!”)*

Holy Eucharist

Introit Hymn: (1982)

No. 599

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Rite II) p. 355

(The people standing, the Celebrant says)

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever,

Amen

The Celebrant says:

The Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

“Hymn of Praise” (Levas)

No. 219

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for: “Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany”:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Book of Leviticus 19: (1-2, 9-18)

1.The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood* of your neighbour: I am the Lord.¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(moment of silence)

Psalm 119: (33-40)

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 *Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
* I shall keep it with all my heart.*

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments,
* for that is my desire.

36 *Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.*

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
* give me life in your ways.

38 *Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make
to those who fear you.*

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 *Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your
righteousness preserve my life.*

*(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to 1Corinthians 3(10-11, 16-23)

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', ²⁰ and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' ²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (moment of silence)

Gradual Hymn: (Levas)

No. 44

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according
to Matthew 5(38-48)*

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

38 ‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also;⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well;⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.⁴³ ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.”⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters,^{*} what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: *Father Nisbett*
(*moment of silence*)

The Nicene Creed (BCP)	pg. 358
Prayers of the People (Form I)	pg. 383
The Penitence (BCP)	pg. 393

Exchange of the Peace

At The Offertory

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: (Levas)

No. 226

Hymn after the Offertory

Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One:

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Presentation of Elements

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "A")

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The Great Mystery

Hymns during Communion: (Levas))

Nos. 225, 228, 220

Post Communion Prayer:

"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."

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: (Levas)

No. 227

Dismissal:

Musical Postlude: (*please remain seated, quietly!*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Usher's:

8:00 AM – *Patrick Perry; Yohance Johnson*

10:30 AM – *“Youth Ushers Selected”*

We welcome all visitors this morning, especially anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do visit us again.

During the Lenten Season, we will have *“Stations of the Cross”* every Friday evening beginning @ 7:30 pm. You will hear from your Care Group Leader with information on when your group will be meditating, and the procedures.

Casting Call, for Father Nisbett's play “Who's on Trial” If you are interested in taking part in the *passion play*, please contact *Lorna Moodie-Jones* or leave your name and telephone number in the church office. Thanks!

Health Guild reinstated. If you are interested in joining (member need not be health professional), you may speak to Sylvia Vernon RN.

Flowers in the Sanctuary:

“given in loving memory of *Rev. Percival George Brown* and *Bishop Richard Beamon Martin* as they both celebrate their birthdays on February 23rd with our Lord in heaven” from Rosalyn Brown.

This Week's Events

The ECW will meet this morning, following the 10:30 AM service. All Ladies are invited to join us.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Queens Assembly) Annual Scholarship Luncheon, tomorrow, Monday, February 20th, 2017 (church service starts @ 9:30 AM @ St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (99-10 217th Lane, Queens Village) followed by 12 Noon luncheon @ Thomasina's Banquet Hall (205-35 Linden Blvd., St. Albans. See *Herman Clark* or any member of BSA for tickets. (\$45.00 adults: \$30.00 children (under 12).

St. David's Episcopal Church Youth Group presents a "Black History Month Celebration." Come and hear the story behind our African American Inventors and Negro Spirituals. For more information call: *Elsa Burke: 516/616-0990; Randy Moses: 516/825-1815; Carol Callender: 516/488-0264 (date to be announced)*

Bible Study: Next meeting, Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

Telephonic Prayer Group: Every Wednesday and Thursday evening @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are welcome and invited to participate).

Parish Choir rehearsal – Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

Youth Group meet on Fridays_ @ 7:30 pm.

Youth Choir rehearsals – Saturdays @ 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Quiet Day – Saturday, March 4th, 2017 (10am – 2pm).

Conductor: *Rev. Dr. Dennison Richards.*

The February and March Birthday Fellowship Hour will take place March 5th, 2017 following both services. Please see *Rosalyn Brown (8AM)* and *Annette Marion (10:30AM)* for information.

Refreshment Sunday (mid-Lent): Sunday, March 26, 2017.

Add'l. information forthcoming.

Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)-@ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. (Tickets \$125.00 per person.) See Barbara Morrison for add'l. information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062 (asking for members & associates to take ads or page in Jubilee Journal) Thanks!

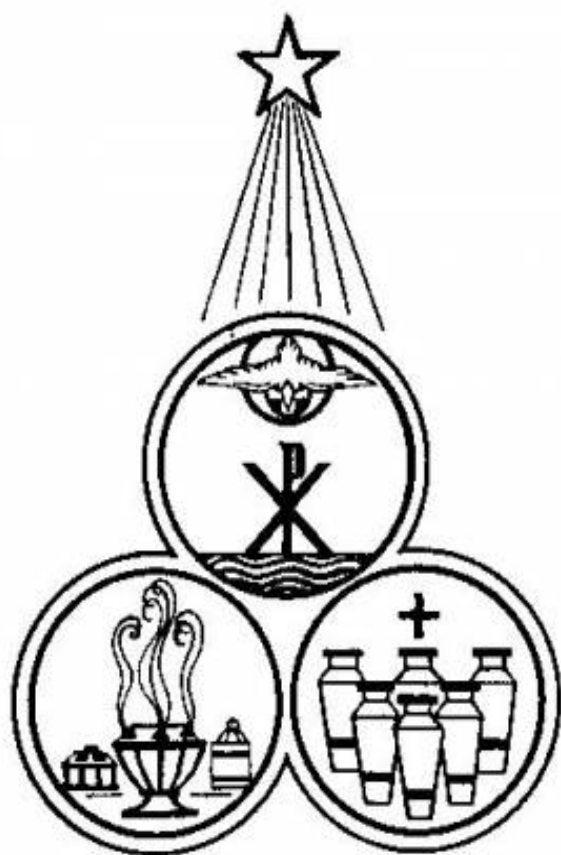
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Meditation: "Not Perfect, but Complete"

Images of holiness and perfection thread their way through today's readings: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2). "God's temple is holy, and you are that temple" (1 Cor. 3:17). "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). We are to love both neighbor and self, and even enemy. And we are called to be not just holy, but perfect. But how? We are aware at every turn of how far from perfection we fall. The original language of our gospel is of help. In Greek, we are to be *teleioi*: not "perfect," but complete. Mature. We are called not to artificial smoothness but to wholeness. Not flawlessness, but the state of being filled, finished, fully grown. Consider the sale tags of certain objects: "The fabric in this garment is made from hand loomed silk yarn. The irregularities and variations in the weave and color are in no way to be considered defective. They are characteristic of the fine yarn which gives this fabric its beauty and texture." "In the tanning process the leather is allowed to shrink naturally as it dries. This process also creates a variety of grain sizes and lines which are the true distinction between naturally shrunken leather and embossed limitation. ...The variations and nuances of shading and the unevenness or roughness of texture are what gives this product its unique personality and are not to be considered as imperfections." Such belongings point us toward the one to whom we belong, who fashioned us more skillfully than any artisan, and favors the real over imitations. Our efforts to love will always be uneven. But as we practice, we undergo weathering, seasoning, wrinkling. We learn what it is to be mature, textured, holy--and whole.

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