The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



"Seven Works of Mercy" by Master of Alkmaar, 1504.

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol \$\mathbb{\Psi}\$ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

The feast of the Epiphany falls on the 6th of January each year, following the 12 days of Christmas. This festival appears to have developed in the early part of the 4th century and its name comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance" or "manifestation" since Epiphany is associated with the manifestation of Christ to the world.

The season following the Epiphany is of variable length because it continues until the beginning of Lent. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is special because it commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday) is also special as we celebrate the Transfiguration in which Jesus's divine glory is revealed upon the mountaintop. For those two Sundays, the liturgical color will be white. For the other six, we will be in green, the color of life and growth.

The Gospel appointed on Epiphany (which is rarely a Sunday, so we don't often hear it) is the well-known story of the magi following a star to worship the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. So we will keep our decorative glass stars over the choir pews and organ to remind us where we are in the calendar. We will also be using Eucharistic Prayer C, with its references to space, galaxies, and planets.



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

Prelude

Priere a Notre Dame Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 *593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

All are invited to stand and sing.



Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Gloria • *Hymnal* '82 *S-278

Please use the blue hymnal found in the pew pocket in front of you

The Collect of the Day

BCP p.216

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson • A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Joseph 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. Then 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. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For 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. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 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. 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 delay. You 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. I 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.' " And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The choir introduces the refrain, sings the verses, refrain by all.

Psalm 37:1-12,41-42



- Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away. *Refrain by all*
- Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

- Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday. *Refrain by all*
- 7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land. *Refrain by all*
- In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace. *Refrain by all*
- But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
 he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
 because they seek refuge in him. *Refrain by all*

The Second Lesson • A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And 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. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and

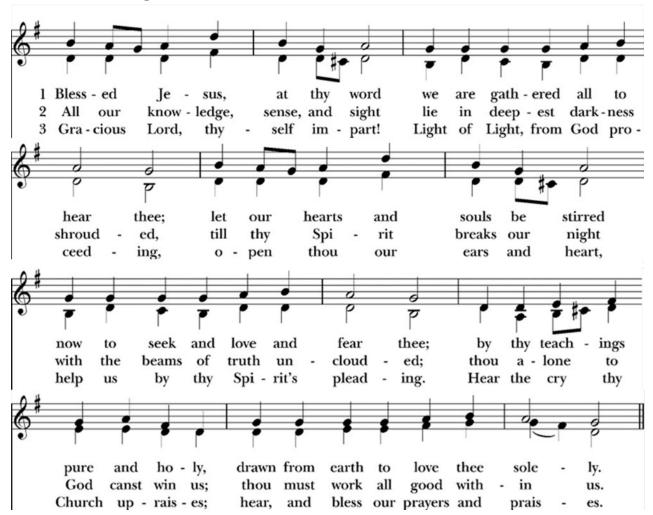
sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

All are invited to stand and sing.



The Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Deacon ★The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners

do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But 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; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Kate Spelman

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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

the only Son of God,

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor To God who is merciful and kind to all, let us pray for all those in need.

For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those alienated from the church, and for our witness to Christ in every community.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those in charge of peoples and nations, and for their exercise of mercy and justice.

People Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer from oppressive rulers and regimes, and for the victims of abuse and violence.

People Lord, have mercy.

For all who are sick and troubled, *****and for the dying and the dead.

People Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, and for our families and all those we love.

People Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Gracious God.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon God the lover of every person, hear the prayers we offer you this day and grant that we may bless those who curse and do good to those who do evil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, *forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Lead me, Lord

To be sung by the choir

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me Lord in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me Lord in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in thee.

Thou are our God, the God of our salvation, all nations shall praise thy holy name.

The Doxology • Hymnal '82 *380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p.369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

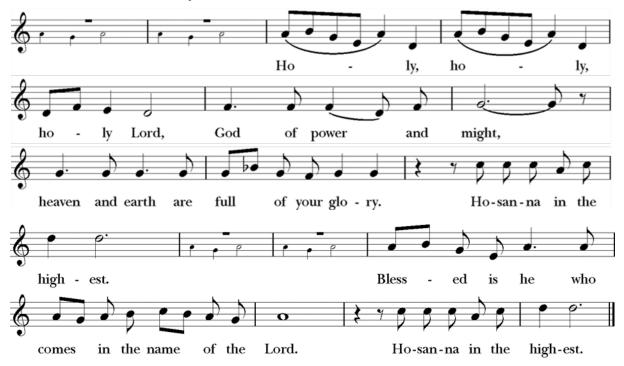
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-128



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. *Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung

Now

The Lord's Prayer BCP p.364

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

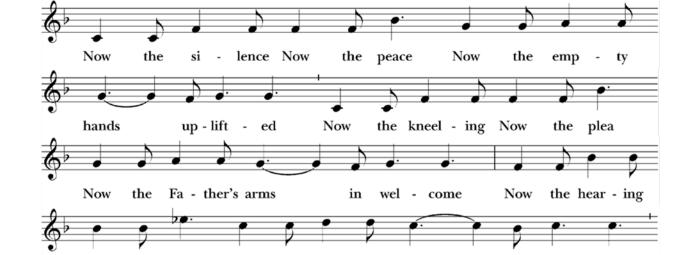
Fraction Anthem • Hymnal '82 #333

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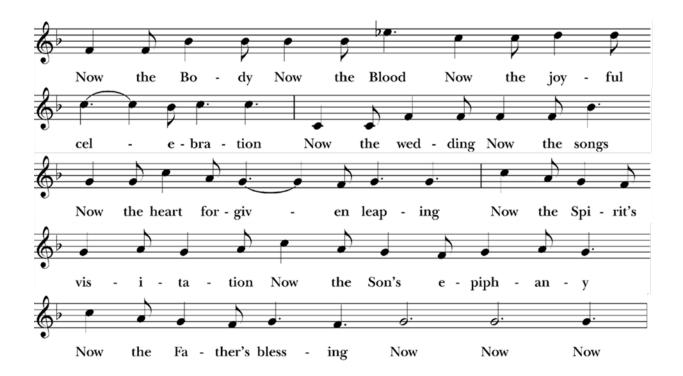
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The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.



Prayer after Communion

BCP p.365

All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing **₹**

Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 #609

Where cross the crowded ways of life



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jig Fugue Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, February 23rd

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:30am, Formation: Living Compass Wellness Circle

Sunday, March 2nd

with Seek & Find

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:30am, Formation: Living Compass Wellness Circle

Birthdays: Greg Roe, Carol Anderson, Mike Sharkey, Jane Meadowcroft, Gabriel Beyer

In our prayers: Sandy & Don, Rich, Glen, Rose, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.

Formation: A Living Compass Wellness Circle

Join us for a six-week program, led by Stacy Jackson, BSW CADC, and Mary Borge, LCPC. We'll begin with a self-assessment of the state of our Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind, and then discuss how our faith informs our wellness and daily decisions. You'll learn how to assess your current state of balance and well-being, learn important lessons about change, and set weekly goals for the changes you feel ready to make. Join us for as many sessions as you can, until its final session on March 9th.

Next in Formation: Half Truths

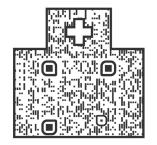
Beginning on March 16th, we will look at half-truths. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join us for a Bible study with renowned pastor and Methodist preacher the Rev. Adam Hamilton to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés ("Everything happens for a reason.", "God helps those who help themselves.", etc) with the wisdom found in Scripture.

Exodus Refugee Update

Emmanuel is waiting to be matched with a family for our next Welcome Pack delivery with Exodus World Service. Interested in joining the delivery crew? Let Rev. Kate know!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or remember a loved one with flowers on the altar, given to the Glory of God and...your chosen person, memory, event, you can sign up using the flower chart in the hallway for any number of Sunday's. The cost is \$50 per Sunday and you would be able to take them home after the 10am service if you wish. Please let the office know your dedication for the week(s) you have selected.





Tuesday March

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2:45 PM - 7:00 PM

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Greg Ward Jazz Quartet

Friday March 21st 2025

Greg Ward – Alto Sax Dave Miller - Guitar Matt Ulery - Bass Jeremy Cunningham - Drums



Greg Ward is a saxophonist and composer that was born in Peoria, IL. Currently based in Chicago, Ward has had the opportunity to perform and record with a varied group of artists like Prefuse 73, Lupe Fiasco, Tortoise, William Parker, Andrew D'Angelo, and Mike Reed.

The Downers Grove South Student Jazz Band will open the show

Here at Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington Avenue, La Grange, IL, 60525

Buy your tickets here





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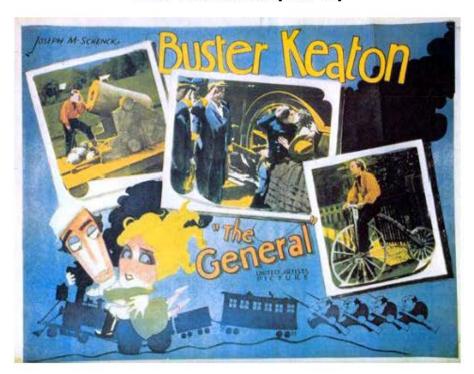
Save the Date

Sounds in the Sanctuary Series: Silent Movie

Friday, April 11th @ 7:30pm

Accompanied on our Casavant Opus 3062 Pipe Organ by Jay Warren

The General (1926)



The General is a 1926 American silent Western slapstick romantic action comedy film released by United Artists. It was inspired by the Great Locomotive Chase, a true story of an event that occurred during the American Civil War. The story was adapted from the 1889 memoir The Great Locomotive Chase by William Pittenger. The film stars Buster Keaton, who also co-directed it along with Clyde Bruckman.

Johnnie Gray, a train engineer, has two loves in his life: his sweetheart, Annabelle Lee, and his locomotive, the General. When the CivilWar breaks out, Johnnie attempts to enlist into the Confederate Army, but is refused because he is more valuable as an engineer. Johnnie isn't told this, so Annabelle and her family believe him to be a coward. Annabelle refuses to talk to Johnnie again until he is in uniform. When Johnnie's train is stolen by Union soldiers whilst the passengers are having dinner (except for Annabelle, who had reboarded on the train), Johnnie jumps into another engine and chases the enemy. His goal is to get both his girl and his train back. Hilarity Ensues.

This film is less of an outright comedy than many of Keaton's other works and has several dramatic elements. At the time it was considered a flop, but ended up being Vindicated by History and is now considered one of the best silent films ever made.



Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)	
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)	
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)	
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music)	
	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)	

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