

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey,
you are welcome.*



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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022

Prelude

Entrance Chimes

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE SCRIPTURE

The First Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work

miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Alleluia

The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Alleluia

A Homily

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Having heard the scripture, let us earnestly call on God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

Hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.

May we all be one that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly serve you. ***We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop; Troy, our Rector; and Josh, our Priest Associate.***

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world, our state, and our community, especially: ***Joseph, our President and Kathleen, our Governor.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, especially: ***Jamie McCormick, Ted Heagle, Gary Herrlich, Lola Walker, Matt Cook, flood victims, those suffering from COVID-19, those on our Prayer Chain;*** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. *(Pause)*

We remember those who have died, especially: ***Robert Bayer, Nick Simon, Bobby Turner;*** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. *(Pause)*

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts as we celebrate with those who have birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially: ***Rich Berg;*** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. *(Pause)*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear the prayers of your people and send your Spirit with us as we proclaim good news to the poor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us make our confession unto God.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet others with a bow or a wave as a non-physical way to extend the peace. Please do not move from your pew as to maintain proper distance.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in the care of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

***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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread under your mask and in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion.

Communion Music

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

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. 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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, there will not be a greeting line at the door following the service. Please try not to congregate after the service. Your health is important to us!

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION BREAD

Today's communion bread is given in memory of my grandfather, Nick Simon, and brother, Bobby Turner, by Kathy Miller & family.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the loving and caring fellowship offered by the people of Christ Church by Sara & Rug Altmansberger.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

CLERGY

8 a.m. - The Rev. Joshua Barrett
10 a.m. - The Very Rev. Troy Preston

LECTORS

8 a.m. – John Peck
10 a.m. – Jan Farnsworth, Pam McCarthy

MUSICIAN

Karen Bailey

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

Loretta Preston

USHERS/GREETERS

Jan Farnsworth, Martha Tober

ALTAR GUILD

Jo Ann Cole, Jane Dillon, Martha Tober

2021 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS are on a table at the church entrance. Please take yours with you today. Any that are not picked up by January 23 will be mailed. Thank you.

2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES are on a table at the church entrance for those persons who requested them on their pledge form. **Please throw away any from previous years.** We cannot track old envelope numbers and thus cannot give credit. Thank you.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Very Rev. Troy Preston, Rector
The Rev. Joshua Barrett, Priest Associate
Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary
John A. Sosa, Sexton

Sr. Warden
Bill Scheidweiler

Jr. Warden
Anne Galvin

Treasurer
Barbara Cook

Clerk
Patty Campbell

Vestry

Class of 2021

Phil Huber
Rich Murray
Chris Walters

Marion Ivy

Class of 2022

Patty Campbell
Marion Ivy
Bobby Rockwell

Diocesan Delegate

Lizz Jones

Class of 2023

Andrea Bookbinder
Erin Fairbrother
Chris Wentzel

Roberta McDonald

SERVICE GUIDELINES

- Properly wear a face mask, covering both nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the space for worship.
- Practice physical distancing in order to be in social contact with everyone in a safe manner.
- Please do not congregate after the service.
- If you utilize a restroom, please use the supplies provided to sanitize the space after you are done.
- If you are feeling sick, or have underlying health concerns, please stay home and utilize the online service option.
- Ushers will be recording names and telephone numbers of attendees for contact tracing purposes. **Please be gracious with offering your first and last name. Not every usher knows all individuals by both first and last name.**
- Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays will continue to be available through Zoom only.
- Nursery Care, Sunday School, and Coffee Hour will continue to be suspended until further notice.
- The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on YouTube.