



Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am, Sunday, January 23, 2022

“He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.”

God’s glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God’s glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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GATHERING

All who are able, please stand at the invitation of the presiding minister.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793

GREETING

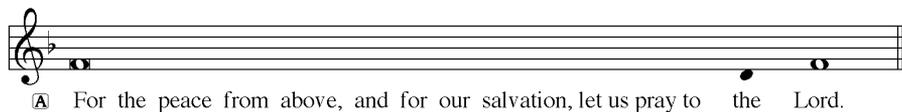
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Sung acapella.



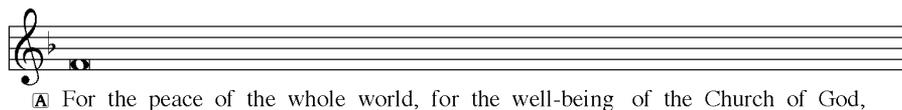
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



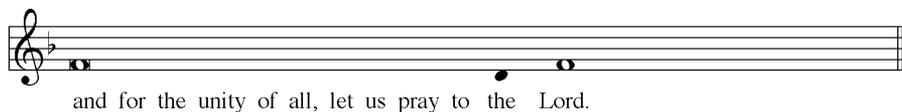
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



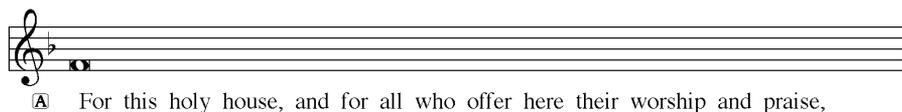
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



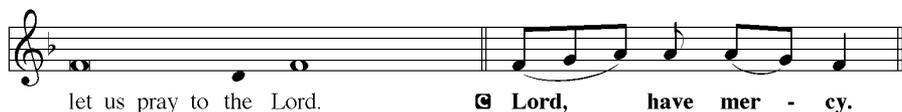
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



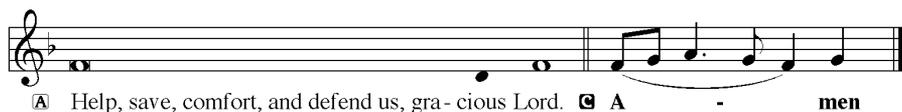
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

♩ We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

♩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

♩ You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

♩ You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

♩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

♩ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

♩ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

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

A reading from Nehemiah.

All the people 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Spoken by all

Psalm 19

**The heavens declare the glo- | ry 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 in- | to 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 re- | vives the soul;
 the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the
 innocent.
 The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to
 the eyes.
 The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
 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 ser- | vant 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.
 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.
 A | - - men.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from First Corinthians.

For 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All who are able, stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel comes to us from the Fourth Chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then 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, O Christ.

All are seated.

HOMILY

Pastor Greene

A period of silence is kept. Then all who are able, stand to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Speak to Us" ELW 676

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with:

Lord in Your Mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

After exchanging peace, all are seated.

MEAL

PRAYER

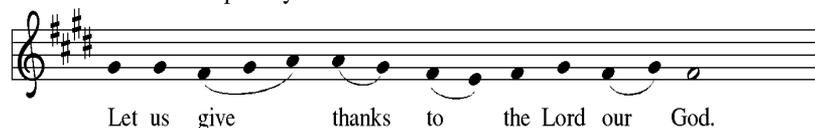
When the table is set, all who are able stand at the minister's invitation.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING





It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times
and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in
power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every
place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high
priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Father, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to commune at the direction of the ushers. When all have partaken, those who are able, stand for the hymn.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Eat This Bread” ELW 472

PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of wonder, in Jesus we beheld the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“This Little Light of Mine” ELW 677

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!