

*3rd Sunday After Epiphany*



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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

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**Gathering** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: As we prepare to come into the light of Christ, let us call to mind our sins and ask for forgiveness.

**Silence for self-examination.**

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Lord, have mercy.

**C: We confess that we have tried to hide our sins and stay in the shadows. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, You come with God's light of compassion and love. Christ, have mercy.

**C: We confess our weakness and seek the Spirit's strength. Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, You come with signs of healing and new life. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we do not see your presence in our lives. Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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 each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Canticle  
Of Praise**

**Gloria**

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*May be sung as a round.

Text: Traditional

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**The Word** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

### First Reading — *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

*A reading from Nehemiah*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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."

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out in- to all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**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.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom <sup>1</sup>to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light <sup>1</sup>to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous <sup>1</sup>altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than <sup>1</sup>much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey <sup>1</sup>in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is <sup>1</sup>great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often <sup>1</sup>he offends? Cleanse me from my <sup>1</sup>secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion <sup>1</sup>over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>1</sup>great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable <sup>1</sup>in your sight, O LORD, my strength and <sup>1</sup>my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

### *A reading from 1 Corinthians*

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>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; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

P: The Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel  
Acclamation**  
#174 ELW

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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*Alleluia.* The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news <sup>1</sup> to the poor, \*  
and to proclaim release <sup>1</sup> to the captives. *Alleluia.* (Luke 4:18)

**Holy Gospel — Luke 4:14-21**

*The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke*      **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“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, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Message**    *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Apostles’ Creed**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **The Prayer of Intercession**

P: As the Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so with the Son, we are bold to pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all people, according to their needs.

#### ***A brief silence.***

P: Holy God, as you reveal yourself through the Holy Scriptures, fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Reconcile us to you and to one another, so that there is no dissension among your people. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, give us patient compassion and the will to understand those we disagree with. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Provide for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression, especially those we name before you now..... God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in our congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks for the saints who have now seen your promised salvation. Support those who mourn and sustain us all in hope. Bring us together with all the saints in your everlasting glory. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.*

**Thanksgiving** We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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**Canticle  
 Of  
 Thanks  
 Giving**  
 #470  
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**Praise and Thanks and Adoration**

1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;

for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that Ad - am's heirs might live.  
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.

Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new

fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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### Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

### Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

#723  
Blue

### The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Let Christ's light shine in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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