

# The Third Sunday after Epiphany

## Sunday, January 23, 2022

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### Choral Introit

#### Processional Hymn H-488 Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my hearts; all else be nought to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my visions, O Ruler of all.

#### The Collect for Purity

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 S280

Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.  
Lord God, heaven-ly King, a-lmigh-ty God and Fa-ther,  
we wor-ship you we give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;  
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
You a-alone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,  
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

#### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.*

*Please be seated for the lessons*

### **First Lesson**

**read by Anne Cole Norman**

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah..

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."

*After the reading*

*Reader*       The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **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.

## **Second Lesson**

**read by Laura Tyszka**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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.

*After the reading*

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel procession and reading*

**Sequence Hymn: H 135     Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (verse 2)   Salzburg**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;**

**And at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy God-head manifest;**

**Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;**

**Anthems be to thee addressed, God in us made manifest.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Before the Gospel*

*Deacon*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

*People*        **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."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*Please stand and say together*

#### **The 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**led by Tom Rigney**

God of wonder and mystery,  
God of the stars and the universe,  
God of winding ways and straight paths,  
we gather today with gratitude for the gift of your constant presence, your trustworthy guidance,  
and your daring risk-taking with us.

You dare to love us despite our inability to respond fully.  
You dare to care for us, despite our challenge in caring for others.  
You dare to walk with us, despite our fickleness.

On our own journeys toward the stars and guiding points you put before us, you continue to lead us forward, guiding us by the teachings of Jesus to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in your loving shadow.

As we struggle with the political wrangling of this world, the wars waged for both justice and greed, the violence committed daily against the innocent, let alone the pain of broken relationships and loss, you remain steadfast in your care and devotion for your entire creation throughout the universe.

It is almost too much to take in sometimes.  
And even in our doubts and disbelief, our struggle to understand and constant misunderstanding, and our flat-out ignorance about your ways, you remain constantly present to us.

We pray for peace in this world, Lord, the kind of peace in which we celebrate diversity, are joyfully challenged by adversity, and share in the joy that is to be found everywhere.

We pray for those who are lonely,  
that you might lead us to reach out and be friends.

We pray for those who are hungry,  
that you might lead us to offer sustenance.

We pray for those who are lost,  
that you might lead us to give hope and direction.

We pray for those all who have died, that you will receive them into your loving arms, and comfort all who mourn for their loved ones.

We pray for the countries of the world,  
that we might find a way to work together to lift one another up.

We pray for our leaders in Washington, that your Spirit might guide them to set an example for our country and the world to work together rather than against one another.

We pray for our country, that we may seek the places where we share commonality and seek to repair the divisions that are tearing us apart.

And we pray for ourselves, that we might continue on this journey, learning the lessons you offer, seeking the fullness of your perfection, and live as you would have us live.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers by typing them into the chat or by speaking them aloud.

*You are invited to speak your intercessions aloud or to type them in the chat.*

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you!**

## **The Holy Communion**

*This is God's Table: all are welcome*

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Please stand*

#### **Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **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... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider and People sing together,*

**The Sanctus LEVAS II 255** (*Mass for a Soulful People*)

Grayson Warren Brown

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

*The Presider continues,*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People,*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS II 264**

A.H. Malotte

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Please remain standing and sing together*

**Fraction Anthem**

S. Shull

**We who are many, are one body,**

**For we all share in the one bread,**

**we all share in the one bread.**

*Please remain standing*

**Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Anthem L-154 Taste and See**

**James E. Moore, Jr**

**[Refrain] Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord and God answered me; from all my troubles God set me free.



3. Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God is good; in God we need put all our trust.

*All stand, and say together*

**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.**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: LEVAS II 194 Lead me Guide me      Doris M. Akers**

**Refrain: Lead me, guide, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me though the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.**

**Refrain**

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when satan and sin oppress;  
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.**

**Refrain**

**I am lost of you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.**

**Parting Prayer *sung to the tune of Edelweiss***

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever,  
bind your heart to his heart with a bond that nothing can sever.  
Give you light on the uphill road and courage in every endeavor.  
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon*      Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People*      **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **Coming Up at Holy Apostles This Winter**

### **Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 30th on Zoom @ 4pm**

Join us next Sunday at 4pm for our annual meeting. Featuring a presentation of our financials, including the 2022 budget, pledge update and an update on the renovations. We will also have time for a break out session and Q & A. We encourage all households to participate. Earlier that day at the 10am service the Mothers will give their annual address.

### **100 Days of Scripture: Luke – Acts**

As we begin this new year, we invite you to into the study of scripture with us for 100 day starting Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> going through the day of Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet 5 times on Zoom and have other opportunities for reflection throughout the 100 days. The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts were written by the same author c. 90 C.E. They are a contiguous narrative that begins with the birth of Jesus, takes us through Jesus' earthly ministry, his crucifixion, resurrection, Pentecost and how the disciples live out their call to ministry and the foundation for the church. Interested? Sign up in the back of the church or email the Mothers.

### **The Psalms: Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord: Youth Ministry 4 Sundays: 9:45am-10:45am**

Youth grades 1-9 are invited to join teaching artist Stephanie Mayer for our 4-week exploration of the psalms as a community expression of lamentation, joy and hope. Our youth will use spoken word, percussion and other musical modalities. Meeting dates: January 23, 30, February 6, 13.

### **Spiritual Care for Parents with children/adolescents (grades 4-12) who are struggling with their mental health**

5 sessions – in person Wednesdays 7:30pm, Feb 2, 16 March 2 (post Ash Wed service at 8:15), 16 & 30<sup>th</sup>

This fall, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Children's Hospital Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry declared the mental health crisis among children and adolescence a national emergency. This will be a 5 week spiritual care group, specifically aimed at supporting the unique spiritual and emotional challenges of parenting a child who is struggling with their mental health. Group will consist of a grounding meditation practice, sharing of experiences in a confidential group environment, and exploring spiritual wisdom, themes and practices that can help hold some of the challenges parents face. There will also be an opportunity to do Evening Prayer together at the end of the group. It is important to note that this is not a therapy group. Group will be led by Chaplain Missy Trull and focus on spiritual/emotional dynamics.

Limited to 6 families whose children are in grades 4-12. Sign up is required. RSVP to Missy Trull: [trull.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:trull.melissa@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **eGALitarian Brass Band Concert**

Sunday, February 6th @ 6pm

Join our friends, the eGALitarian Brass Band, for a mid-winter concert. Invite your friends. All are welcome. Cost: at will donation at the door. Masks and vaccinations are required.

**It's Girl Scout cookie time, and Halcy's online cookie store is open for business! There's free shipping January 10-23, so visit now to buy cookies:**

**<https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/halcyanna826077>**

Do check out her cookie video too: The girls have been studying digital marketing and have been encouraged to infuse a \*wow factor\* that uniquely reflects themselves. This year, the troop will use cookie earnings to go on some fun outings (we're aiming for the museum of slime!) and to help the community. Last year, we donated \$1,500 to Red Hook Farms to grow healthy food and feed the community there. THANK YOU! Halcy, Kallen, & Scott

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Tuesday, March 1st Shrove Tuesday Palm "Bonfire"**

Bring last years palms (if you have them) and join us as we burn the palms and roast marshmallows! It's Covid era celebration of Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) before we enter Lent.

### **Wednesday, March 2nd Ash Wednesday**

- 12noon Zoom liturgy
- 7pm In person and imposition of ashes with choir.