

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

11:00 a.m.



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## The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.  
Here "we challenge ourselves and the world to love  
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,  
serve compassionately and grow spiritually."*

*The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

### **The Word of God**

#### **The Organ Voluntary**

*Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.*

#### **The Hymn in Procession**

Hymn 537

*Moscow*

- 1 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.
- 2 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost  
from dark despair.
- 3 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.
- 4 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song;  
the new-born souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant and People*

WLP 900

*Gloria in excelsis*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heav'nly King,  
almighty God and Father  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 people sit.*

## 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."

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

### Psalm 19

*Caeli enarrant*



- 1 The heavens declare the | glory • of | God, \*  
and the | firma- • ment | shows his | handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its | tale • to a- | nother, \*  
and one night imparts | knowledge | to a- | nother.
- 3 Although they have no | words or | language, \*  
and their | voices | are not | heard,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into | äll | lands, \*  
and their message to the | änds | of the | world.
- 5 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.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the | end of • it a- | gain; \*  
nothing is hidden | from its | burning | heat.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and en- | dures for | ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and | righteous | alto- | gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than | much fine | gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than | honey | in the | comb.
- 11 By them also is your | servant • en- | lightened, \*  
and in keeping them | there is | great re- | ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often | he of- | fends? \*  
cleanse me | from my | secret | faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get do- | minion | over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent | of a | great of- | fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable | in your | sight, \*  
O Lord, my | strength and | my re- | deemer.

## 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.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence

Hymn 628

*St. Ethelwald*

- 1    Help us, O Lord, to learn  
      the truths your word imparts:  
      to study, that your laws may be  
      inscribed upon our hearts.
- 2    Help us, O Lord, to live  
      the faith which we proclaim,  
      that all our thoughts and words and deeds  
      may glorify your Name.

3 Help us, O Lord, to teach  
the beauty of your ways,  
that yearning souls may find the Christ  
and live a life of praise.

## The Gospel

**Luke 4:14-21**

*Celebrant* 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."

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

## The Homily

**The Rev. Terri Brice**

## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

**Form III, BCP**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for the health and safety of those men and women who serve in the Armed Forces: Stovall Knight and Chandler Celluzi.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We celebrate with those who have birthdays and anniversaries this week: Tiffany Tindall, Cameron Collins, Erle Newton, III, Charles Pineo, Keith & Maggie Martin, and Bob & Sandy Rutters.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Steve Shinall, Kimberly Gottardi, Kendall Thomas, George Chesnut, Sandy Rutters, Sarah McLeod, Kathy Vaughn, David Ronn, Janet Whitner, and Sam Hood.

We pray also for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound: John Youd and Houston Suggs.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

†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.**

## **Parish Notices**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord*

Christopher Tye (c.1505-1572)

## The Presentation

Hymn 632

*Munich*

- 1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from our dear Master  
received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
still guides, O Christ, to thee.
- 3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face.

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 subjection under 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.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal lowed be your  
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth — as in hea - ven.  
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give  
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -

li-ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men. A - men.

Setting: Barry McLeod, from *Mass for the Church of the Ascension*, © 2007 Barry McLeod

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant and People*

## Fraction Anthem

WLP 875

*Be known to us*

Gary James (b. 1957)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
Is the communion of the body of Christ.

*Refrain*

One body are we, alleluia,  
For though many we share one bread.

*Refrain*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Hymns during Communion

Hymn 321

*Rockingham*

1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

- 2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.
- 3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless number let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.
- 4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

WLP 763

*Raquel*

- 1 As we gather at your Table,  
as we listen to your Word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that Feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

*If you are worshipping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

## **The Hymn in Procession**

Hymn 539

*Tidings*

- 1 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

*Publish glad tidings:  
tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus,  
redemption and release.*

2 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above.

*Refrain*

3 Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.

*Refrain*

4 He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
make known to every heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

*Refrain*

## **The Dismissal**

## **The Closing Voluntary**

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979  
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

Today, the Altar Flowers are given by  
the Ascension Flower Guild Ministry  
to the Glory of God  
and in Thanksgiving for  
our many blessings.

*There are opportunities available for  
you to dedicate Altar Flowers on:*

*February 6  
February 13  
February 20*

## Calendar of Events

January 30, 2022 – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Annual Parish Meeting  
11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 4, 2022 – Mardi Gras Gala, 7 – 11 pm

February 6, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
10:00am International Breakfast  
11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall  
5:00pm Epiphany Lessons and Carols

February 11, 2022 – Coffee House, 7 – 9 pm

February 13, 2022 – The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Christian Formation for all ages  
11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 20, 2022 – The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Christian Formation for all ages  
11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 27, 2022 – The Last Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Christian Formation for all ages  
11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall