The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Holy Communion: Rite One





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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE He Comes to Us as One Unknown

R. Powell

WELCOME. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy Spirit.
- 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.
- Amen.

WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 • Psalm 19 • Romans 15:4–13 • Luke 4:14–21 [Please be seated.]
The First Reading

■ The First Reading is taken from Nehemiah, chapter 8...

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!"

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: [read responsively, Lector/ Congregation]

- L We will read responsively from 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.
- **D** 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 Reading:

■ The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 15...

Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice. So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. I'm saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, and so that the Gentiles could glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

Because of this I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and I will sing praises to your name.

And again, it says,

Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.

And again,

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and all the people should sing his praises.

And again, Isaiah says,

There will be a root of Jesse, who will also rise to rule the Gentiles.

The Gentiles will place their hope in him.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- M Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: [Please stand.]

- **D** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- Glory be to thee, O Lord.
- Desus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

- **D** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

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 THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- **D** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to the following churches in the Diocese of Southwest Florida: St. Mark's, Marco Island, St. Thomas' Chapel, Ellenton; and St. Paul's, Naples; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Add handwritten names from notebook] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [Time is left for people to speak.] In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

© Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given to the glory of God by Tony Bowman and Priscilla McCarthy in memory of Emily J. Bowman. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, [especially... read from notebook]. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

- And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially... add names from notebook]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Time is left for people to speak.] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In your holy Name,
- We pray to you.
- © Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
- Amen.

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE PEACE

[Please stand.]

- P The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Description Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[Please be seated.]

Presentation of the Offerings

[Please stand when the deacon receives the offering.]

- **D** As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:
- All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

- And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;
- P By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- M AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
- Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.
- P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- P Let us pray.
- Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- P May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over creation and heals the world, be upon you and remain with you always.
- @ Amen.
- D Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Deo Gracias J. Dunstable

Serving Us Today:

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman	Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin	Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicist	Cheryl Sharpe	Lector	Rhiannon Sharpe
Prayers	Cheryl Sharpe		
Greeter	Jay Harvey	Usher	John Schmidt
Coffee Host	Ann Kuratnick		