

Music and Readings

January 26, 2025 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham) (H 437)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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 Lessons

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

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

¹All 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. ²Accordingly, 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. ³He 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. ⁵And 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. ⁶Then 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. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

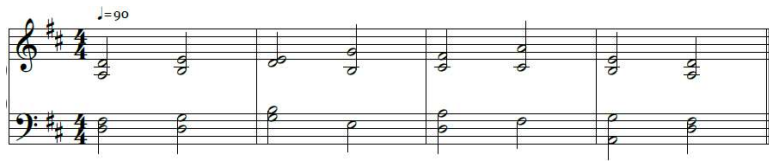
⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 19



Remain seated.

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of ¹ **God**, * |
and the firmament shows his ¹ **handiwork**. |
- ²One day tells its tale to a-¹ **nother**, * |
and one night imparts knowledge to a-¹ **nother**. ||
- ³Although they have no words or ¹ **language**, * |
and their voices are not ¹ **heard**, |
- ⁴Their sound has gone out into all ¹ **lands**, * |
and their message to the ends of the ¹ **world**. ||
- ⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the ¹ **sun**; * |
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its ¹ **course**. |
- ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it a-¹ **gain**; * |
nothing is hidden from its burning ¹ **heat**. ||
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the ¹ **soul**; * |
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the ¹ **innocent**. |
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the ¹ **heart**; * |
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the ¹ **eyes**. ||
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ¹ **ever**; * |
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-¹ **gether**. |
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine ¹ **gold**, * |
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the ¹ **comb**. ||
- ¹¹By them also is your servant en-¹ **lightened**, * |
and in keeping them there is great re-¹ **ward**. |
- ¹²Who can tell how often he of ¹ **fends**? * |
cleans me from my secret ¹ **faults**. ||
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion ¹ **over me**; * |
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great of-¹ **fense**. |
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your ¹ **sight**, * |
O LORD, my strength and my re-¹ **deemer**. ||

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹²Just 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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane) (H 482)*

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

All stand.

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

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

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“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, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And 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. ²¹Then 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

The Rev. Pam Bright

OFFERTORY HYMN *Seek ye first the kingdom of God (Seek Ye First) (H 711)*

PRESENTATION HYMN *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (H 380 V 3)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren) (H 390)*

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This Week's Events

Sunday 1/26

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Epiphany 3
Coffee hour immediately following Eucharist

Tuesday 1/28

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Food Pantry box assembly

Wednesday 1/29

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Shepherd's Table food distribution
12:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/ Pam (Chapel)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry Boxes distribution

Thursday 1/30

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)
8:00 p.m. Compline on Zoom (See Donna Logan for details)

Saturday 2/1

10:00 a.m. Sacred Craft (Parish Hall)

Prayer List

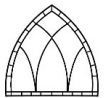


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