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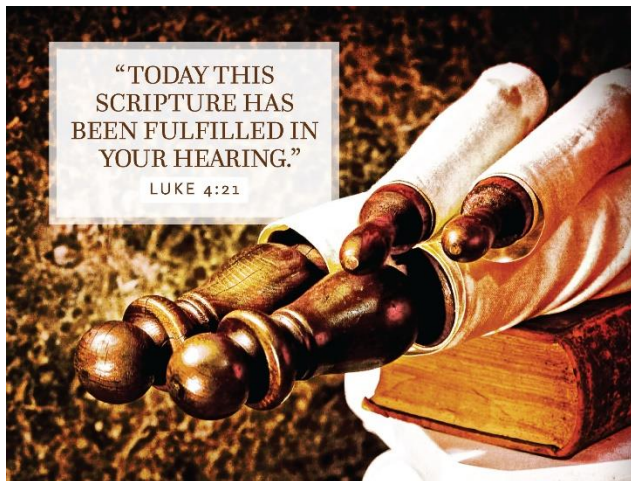
January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 3)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #428 "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"

Text by Walter Henry Farquharson

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| 1 God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King. | 2 God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love refined. |
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Greeting

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly 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 upon 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. God of all mercy,

People **your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit, so that all people may be free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen**

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Nehemiah 8:1–3,5–6,8–10

Reader A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

¹ . . . all 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. ² 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. ³ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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 worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:1–6

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
Tune Hymn #230 Azmon

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| 1 | The heavens above declare God’s
praise,
The work his hands have made;
Day after day his power is shown,
And night by night displayed. | 3 | Forth like a bridegroom comes the
sun
From its appointed place,
And like a hero on his course
Rejoices in the race. |
| 2 | There is no utterance or speech,
No voice is ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the sound,
To every place their word. | 4 | It runs from East to farthest West
To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath
Escapes its scorching heat. |

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 12:12–31a

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to 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. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to 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. ¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ 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.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do 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.**

Gradual: “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Luke 4:14–21

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

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

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ and 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, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ 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. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,
Father of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.</p> <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.</p> | <p>3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one Church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.</p> |
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The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #425 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Text by Henry van Dyke

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 drive the dark of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father and our Mother,
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain
 call us to rejoice in thee.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Gracious God,
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near.

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His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

Celebrant

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People

Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

People **Tast and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- ***To receive a blessing***, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
 - ***To receive the bread***, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
 - ***To receive the wine from the cup***, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
 - ***If you prefer to take only the bread***, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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Communion Hymn #645 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Text by Bianco da Siena; translation by Richard Frederick Littledale

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| <p>1 Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing.
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.</p> | <p>2 O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.</p> |
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3 Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner
 clothing;
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
 with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
 with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power of human
 telling;
 for none can guess its grace,
 till they become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes a
 dwelling.

Closing Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. God of freedom,

People **make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled, the poor lifted up, the oppressed set free and your love made manifest in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant.
 Amen**

Doxology [Michael Leach]

People **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

People **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #330 "O Praise Ye the Lord" Psalm 150; paraphrase by Henry William Baker

- 1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
 rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
 ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
 and worship before him in brightness arrayed.
- 2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth,
 in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
 praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
 praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

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- 3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.
- 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Dismissal

Subdeacon Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Minka H, Brian & Dennis / Shirley H / Sumedh J & Pearl S / Elvine J /
Isabelle J, Maynard & Michelle

Today's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31A
Luke 4:14-21

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Ali McIntosh	Videographer Egan Done
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Chalice Bearers Geraldine Sperling Margie Lyttle	Ushers Hazel Perkin, Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Readers Hazel Perkin Craig Robertson	Altar Guild Roshni Sircar
Crucifer Philip Tindan	Coffee Hour Nancy & Michael Dodsworth
Organist Michael Leach	Counters Richard Snider, Carolyn Poon Woo, Colette Lyttle
Intercessor Ravi Andrews	

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We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.