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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

10:30 A.M. Rite II W/NO HE

The Opening Voluntary *"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"* Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit *The joy of the Lord is your strength* Nehemiah 8, Psalm 78

Processional Hymn "Dundee" Hymn 126

1 The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn
who dwelt in death and night,

2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

3 To us the promised Child is born,
to us the Son is given;

him shall the tribes of earth obey,
and all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counselor,
the mighty God and Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

Glory to God "Gloria in excelsis" Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
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 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.**

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.**

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."

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the/ glory of /God, *
and the firmament/ shows his handi/work.
- 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 in/to all /lands, *
and their message /to the ends 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/joyce 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 inno/cent 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.

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn

"Ratisbon"

Hymn 7

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,

till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward, light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this sould of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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 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

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

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

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.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Crystal, Kelly, the Vestry,
Jeaneen, Mary Ruth, Regina, Avenell, Shane, Paul and Virginia, Noah and Darrin.

Silence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace, Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

"O Star of Beauty"

Rob Glover

The Doxology:

"Hymn 380 v. 3"

Old 100th

All: 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.

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
 Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
 manifested by the star
 to the sages from afar;
 branch of royal David's stem
 in thy birth at Bethlehem;
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
 Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
 and at Cana, wedding guest,
 in thy Godhead manifest;
 manifest in power divine,
 changing water into wine;
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
 palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 manifest in valiant fight,
 quelling all the devil's might;
 manifest in gracious will,
 ever bringing good from ill;
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

4 Manifest on mountain height,
 shining in resplendent light,
 where disciples filled with awe
 thy transfigured glory saw.
 When from there thou leddest them
 steadfast to Jerusalem,
 cross and Easter Day attest
 God in manmade manifest.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary

The Star Proclaims the King is Here

Kaspar Othmayr

Masks are mandatory for all indoor activities at the Church
Parish House and the Church office for the foreseeable future.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
 and in Loving Memory of
 Virginia S. and William R. Windle
 By Tom, Stuart, Win, Jessica, and Evans Webster*

January Events

- Adult Sunday School in the Parish House at 9:30 am. The Book of Acts will be discussed.
- Sunday services at 10:30 am.
 - 01/30 Rite II, w/HE Rev. Ron Johnson presiding
- The opening of the nursery is on hold at this time.
- The Daily Office is being offered by an ecumenical group of dedicated individuals at 9 a.m. for morning prayer, noon for noontime prayer and at 5 p.m. for evening prayer. Join the group on Facebook Live, their page is Daily Office Prayer and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/dailyOfficePrayer/>.

- Every Monday, January 10 thru February 28th 7:00 – 8:30 pm. *The Contemplative Living Study*. The dialogue is facilitated by Br. Peter Budde and will focus on Book One: “Entering the School of Your Experience in the Bridges to Contemplative Living” series with Thomas Merton. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Every Wednesday, Contemplative Noonday Prayer Service in the Chapel Using “Order of Service for Noonday” from the book of common prayer along with readings from the early church and silent meditation.
- Loaves & Fishes will be served the last Wednesday of each month from 5:15 - 5:45 pm using the drive-thru pickup system from the Parish House parking lot.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for January thru March: Grits. For the month of January: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE:

Officiant:	Bob Bushnell
Lector/prayers:	Sue Rosser
Organist:	Lynn Gardner
Chorister/Cantor:	Raul West
Camera Director:	Ed Gallop
Ushers:	Bob Weatherall, Hank Long
Altar Guild:	Team Two – Sue Rosser, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Ruby Stultz

Vestry for 2022

Year 3: Carolyn Byrd;
Beverley Coleman, Secretary; Ellen Maxwell
Year 2: Hank Long, Senior Warden;
Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley
Year 1: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens,
Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;
Andy Williams, Junior Warden