

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

## **WELCOME**

*Please stand*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG - HERE AGAIN**

**Can't go back to the beginning  
Can't control what tomorrow will bring  
But I know here in the middle  
Is the place where you promise to be**

**I'm not enough unless you come  
Will you meet me here again  
'Cause all I want is all you are  
Will you meet me here again**

**As I walk now through the valley  
Let your love rise above every fear  
Like the sun shaping the shadow  
In my weakness your glory appears**

**I'm not enough unless you come  
Will you meet me here again  
'Cause all I want is all you are  
Will you meet me here again**

**I'm not enough unless you come  
Will you meet me here again  
'Cause all I want is all you are  
Will you meet me here again**

*[Instrumental]*

**Not for a minute was I forsaken  
The Lord is in this place  
The Lord is in this place  
Come Holy Spirit, dry bones awaken  
The Lord is in this place  
The Lord is in this place**

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

*Please sit*

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**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.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

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

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

The holy gospel according Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

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

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“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, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **HOMILY**

*Please stand*

**HYMN - GRACE**

**God loves me  
Adores me  
Watches over me  
You are for me**

**Grace loved me and it's not what I  
deserve  
And nothing that I've earned  
But daily grace saves me.**

**Oh but for Your grace  
Oh but for Your grace  
Oh but for Your grace  
I'd be lost, but for Your grace**

**God loves me  
Adores me  
Watches over me  
You are for me**

**Grace loves me and it's not what I  
deserve  
And nothing that I've earned  
But daily grace saves me.**

**Oh but for Your grace  
Oh but for Your grace  
Oh but for Your grace  
I'd be lost, but for Your grace**

**Oh but for Your love  
Oh but for Your love  
Oh but for Your love  
I'd be lost, but for Your love  
I'd be lost, but for Your grace  
I'd be lost, but for Your grace**

*Short Instrumental Break*

**Grace, Grace, Grace, Grace  
Grace, Grace, Grace, Grace  
Grace, Grace, Grace, Grace, for Your  
Grace, Grace, Grace, Grace  
I'd be lost but for Your grace  
I'd be lost but for Your grace**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer petition ends*

God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ. Offering baskets can be found in the back pews.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please sit*

## LAMB OF GOD



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FAMILY TIME WITH ANNE**

## **BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

**HYMN – I Will Live**

**God is fighting for us God is on our side  
He has overcome yes  
He has overcome  
We will not be shaken we will not be  
moved  
Jesus You are here (oh)**

**God is fighting for us God is on our side  
He has overcome yes  
He has overcome  
We will not be shaken we will not be  
moved  
Jesus You are here (oh)**

**Carrying our burdens covering our  
shame  
He has overcome yes  
He has overcome  
We will not be shaken we will not be  
moved  
Jesus You are here**

**I will live I will not die  
The resurrection pow'r of Christ alive in  
me  
And I am free in Jesus' Name**

**I will live I will not die  
I will declare and lift You high  
Christ revealed and I am healed in  
Jesus' Name**

**God is fighting for us pushing back the  
darkness  
Lighting up the Kingdom that cannot  
be shaken  
In the Name of Jesus enemy's defeated  
And we will shout it out shout it out**

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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*"Here Again"*

*"Grace"*

*"I Will Live"*

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## **WELCA Care-Kits**

Each year WELCA prepares personal care kits. This year we need to collect them earlier than usual, so we are asking people to donate \$10.00 per kit. Marilou Nemeth (727-546-9580) reported that WELCA will do the shopping for these kits. The money should be given to either Marilou Nemeth or Carol Crouse (703-200-1968). This morning is the last day we are collecting donations. WELCA will then prepare the kits and quilts to be taken to Tampa for shipping. If you would like to help to offset the cost for shipping, please let us know. Each box shipped overseas costs \$50.00. Any amount you may choose to donate is appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support!

Marilou Nemeth

## **Bible Study on Revelation**

Everyone has ideas about the Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse. Because these ideas are...a little weird and scary, many Christians avoid it altogether. But the purpose of Revelation is not to condemn or to scare. Come join us as we discover the real story being told in the Apocalypse. We will meet online using Zoom on Tuesday nights at 7pm beginning January 11th. Please see the website if you aren't already on the Bible Study email newsletter.

