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**THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II  
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 22, 2023, 10:15 A.M.**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*Iste Confessor*

Thomas Tallis

**OPENING HYMN** *I come with joy to meet my Lord*  
#304, vs. 1-2, 5, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*Celebrant*

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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant & People*

**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.**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### **THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
    that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
    and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
    he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
    and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
    above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
    with sounds of great gladness; \*  
    I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
    have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
    Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
    nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
    do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

### THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the sequence hymn and the reading of the Gospel.)

**SEQUENCE HYMN**      *They cast their nets in Galilee*      Georgetown  
#661, vs 1-2, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**      *They cast their nets in Galilee*      Georgetown  
#661, vs 4, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

## HOMILY

The Reverend Timothy Johnson+, Rector

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### 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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please kneel or be seated for the prayers of the people and confession.)*

### THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant & People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in  
each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We  
repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the  
evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through**

**our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY**      *O Jesus, King most wonderful*      Dr. Christopher Tye

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

**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**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks...

...we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus~Hymn #362 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*   Nicea

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

*(You may remain standing, kneel, or sit for the remainder of the prayer.)*

Blessed are you, gracious God...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection...

...to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.  
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.**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the  
one bread.**

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Jesus is the light*  
Advent Chancel Choir

Joan & Wilson Somers

#151 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (red/black hymnal)  
*One Bread, One Body* John B, Foley, SJ

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Celebrant & People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

#### THE BLESSING

**CLOSING HYMN** *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness* Tony-Y-Botel  
#381, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

#### DISMISSAL

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*

J.S. Bach

*The Altar Flowers are today given by Karen Conlin  
in loving memory of Larry & Eloise Conlin.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored today by Phyllis Wenner  
in loving memory of Mary and Dante Iacampo.*

### **WORSHIP SUPPORT**

*Celebrant: The Reverend Timothy Johnson+, Rector*

*Lector: Adriann Onderdonk*

*Sub Deacon: Dick Sanford*

*Eucharistic Minister: Sister Jackie Fossler*

*Altar Guild: Cindy Reindl, Margaret Hennes*

*Altar Guild Prep: Marian McIlvain, Chris Kydd*

*Ushers: Judy Mason, Damon Sinclair*

*Flower Delivery: Judy Mason*

*Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers*

*Director of Children & Youth: Emma DiPace*

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