



The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

25 January 2026

9:30 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In consideration of those seated around you, please observe a time of silence.

Organ Voluntary *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* arr. Lani Smith

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn #7 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* Ratisbon

The Opening Sentences

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

All ***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 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.* ♪♪

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Though the people of God have suffered, God promises that the future is bright; deliverance is coming for those who have been oppressed.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

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?

***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;***

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

***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.***

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

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

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

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

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

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

People eagerly divide themselves into categories and tribes; this is antithetical to the gospel, which preaches that all are one in Christ Jesus.

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

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.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

Please stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed *said in unison*

***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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

The Celebrant says

We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Intercessor begins. The People respond as indicated.

We give thanks for the multitude of the faithful who have offered you their lives in faith. Bless the universal church with a resounding chorus of affirmation and fill us with shared affection and true purpose to bring your kingdom nearer still.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Clement's, Massey and give thanks for their flourishing Hispanic/Latino ministry. We also give thanks for their celebration of Christian Unity held last week; in our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Common Thread group.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you for our nation and for our elected leaders in city, state, and national government, that our country and all countries might look to you and your way of love. We pray especially for those from our parish in the military and foreign service.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the welfare of all people, for those we see as allies and for those we fear, that all might know peace in their heart.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the concerns and worries of our hearts. Be present to us and lead us into faith, contentment, and joy. We remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they will seek and find you in their distress. Especially we pray for those on our parish prayer list.

People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed, for those who are dying and those who watch and weep. Bring peace and comfort to the grieving and the hope of life eternal to those who labor on toward your kingdom.

People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says a concluding Collect.

Be our strong shield and certain companion in this and every day, that we might know and love you more: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated.

Offertory Anthem

O Light of Lights
The Chancel Choir

Sean Paul

As the offerings are brought forward, please stand and sing.

Presentation Hymn

Puer Nobis

♪♪ *O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek thy face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of thy light to use.
To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.* ♪♪

The Great Thanksgiving (EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B)

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.**

Then the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

♪♪ *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.* ♪♪

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer *said in unison*

***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.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then all sing.

Fraction Anthem

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.***

The Invitation to Communion

Presenting the consecrated elements, the Celebrant offers the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who seek God, those who love God, and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, or are questioning faith. Come, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be known, to be fed, to be loved here.

The people come forward for Communion as directed by the usher. Both elements of bread and wine will be offered. As you approach the priest, please extend your arms with your hands cupped together to indicate you wish to receive the bread. If you do not wish to receive either sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who so desire.

Please be seated. The People are invited to join in the singing of hymns

Communion Hymn #661	<i>They case their nets in Galilee</i>	Georgetown
Communion Hymn #653	<i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i>	Repton

Please stand.

The Post Communion Prayer

***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant then says

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn #539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

The Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God!***

Voluntary

The Altar Flowers

are given today to the Glory of God



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