

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ■ JANUARY 23, 2022

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All 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. ²Accordingly, 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. ³He 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. ⁵And 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. ⁶Then 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. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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 19

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ²One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³Although they have no words or language,*
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵In 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.
- ⁶It 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.
- ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

THE EPISTLE

¹²For 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.¹³For 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.¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I

- ⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above 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.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁶And 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.¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?¹⁸But as it is,

God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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." ²²On 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 honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension

within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and 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, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Canon Jason Roberson

Following the Sermon, the service will continue on page 3 of the bulletin

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SANCTUARY CANDLE to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of Zachary Garvin and Kathleen H. Basanez by Robert Horton

MUSIC AT 10:00 AM

Voluntary	<i>Epistle Sonata</i>	W.A. Mozart
Opening Hymn 409	Christ, whose glory fills the skies	<i>Ratisbon</i>
Offertory Hymn 321	My God, thy table now is spread	<i>Rockingham</i>
Voluntary during Communion	<i>Prelude on "Rockingham"</i>	Charles Callahan
Closing Hymn 537	Christ for the world we sing	<i>Moscow</i>
Voluntary	<i>Fanfare</i>	Jacques Lemmens

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Lector/Intercessor	Clarence Smith, MD	Lisa Kelly
Usher/Greeter(s)	Toby Muir	Tony Major Paul Bielik

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, January 19	Eucharist service w/ prayers for healing	Chapel	12:10 pm
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