

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 24, 2016 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Diapason Voluntary*      Maurice Greene

*Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
*People*      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMNAL #409**      *The Spacious Firmament On High*      CREATION

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**      Book of Common Prayer p. 355

**CANTICLE 13, S-236** (*in front section of hymnal*)      John Rutter

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*People*      **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**      **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** (*seated*)

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."

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



**PSALM 19**

- 1 **The heavens declare the / glory • of / God, \***  
**and the firmament / shows his / hand-i- / work.**
- 2 **One day tells its / tale • to an- / other, \***  
**and one night imparts / know-ledge / to an-/other.**
- 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 pa- / vilion • 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 / burn-ing / 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- / joice 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? \***  
**cleans me / from my / secret / faults.**
- 13 **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 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.**

**ANTHEM**      *How Beautiful*      Twila Paris

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

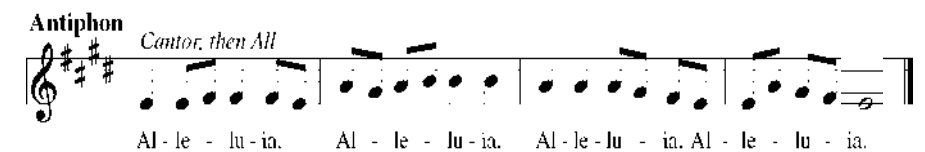
Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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.

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

*Please stand, as able, for the Alleluia verse and Gospel.*



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

**GOSPEL**      **Luke 4:14-21**

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."

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

**SERMON**

*A period of silence is observed following the sermon.*

**NICENE CREED**      (*standing, if able*)      Book of Common Prayer p. 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*standing or kneeling*)

*Reader* Incarnate God,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Gracious God:

*All* **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.** (*Collect for St. John's*)

**THE PEACE** (*standing, if able*)

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

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

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

**WELCOME** (*Please be seated.*)

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**ANTHEM** *Almighty God, Which By the Leading of a Star* John Bull  
(A newer version of the text is found in the BCP, page 162, The Epiphany.)

**PRESENTATION** (*sung by all, standing if able*) OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C** (*The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 369.*)

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: . . . and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, . . . and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. . . . to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, . . . in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS, S -125** (*in front section of hymnal*) R. Proulx  
(*sung by all, remaining standing, if able*)

(*Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.*)

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, . . . Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; . . . . . that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers . . . , from generation to generation.

*People* **AMEN.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**ANTHEM** *Ave Verum Corpus* C. Saint-Saëns  
**HYMNAL #321** *My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread* ROCKINGHAM  
**HYMNAL #513** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* BRIDEGROOM  
**HYMNAL #531** *O Spirit of the Living God* MELCOMBE  
**HYMNAL #530** *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word* GOTT SEI DANK

**SENDING FORTH OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (*said by all, kneeling or standing*)

**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.**

(*Please stand, as able, for the final hymn.*)

**HYMNAL #537** *Christ For the World We Sing* MOSCOW

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**VOLUNTARY** *Toccata* Percy Whitlock

(*You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.*)

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**TODAY WE PRAY WITH**

Bill, Caroline, Don, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Norma, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In thanksgiving for the lives of Nathaniel P. & Theodosia Langford, Nathaniel P. & Mildred Milton Langford, Joseph & Louise Milton, Ted Lottsfeldt, Phyllis & Allen Acosta.

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

**CELEBRANT** *The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller*  
**PREACHER** *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*  
**DEACON** *The Reverend Margaret Thor*  
**ALTAR GUILD** *Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss, Terri Fischel*  
**ADULT CHOIR** *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist*  
**YOUTH CHOIR** *Heather Hunt, Director*  
**ACOLYTES** *Tim Krall, Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall*  
**READERS** *Shirley Sailors, Rick Rinkoff*  
**VERGER** *Bill Sherfey*  
**USHERS & GREETERS** *Paige & Gary Hagstrom, Lynn Hertz, Don Husband, Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema, Barbara Lindeke*

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