

January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Season of Epiphany
Morning Prayer

The Penitential Rite

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed.1. (*Isaiah 61.1*)

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour

Silence is kept

God of all mercy,

All 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 Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies (#2 CP)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

When e’er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell,

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

In heaven’s eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of angels cry:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Be this the eternal song through all the ages on:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Introductory Responses

Leader Blessed are you, David’s heir, born to rule,

All **you received gifts from the magi.**

Leader Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John,

All **you saved us from ourselves.**

Leader Blessed are you, Servant Lord,
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting

All **you proclaimed God’s gracious reign.**

Leader With all the voices of heaven and earth,
we celebrate your epiphany

All **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Leader Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Proclamation of the Word

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

For all 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. 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. The scribe Ezra stood on a

wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Responory

Reader O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

All **let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Reader Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign.

All **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Reader Tell out the salvation of God from day to day.

All **Let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Reader Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations
and the wonders of God among the peoples.

All **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Psalm 19

Reader The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord..

People: **One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Reader Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,.

People: **their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world..**

Reader In the deep has God 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.

People: **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.**

Reader The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

People: **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

Reader The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether..

People: **More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Reader By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward..

People: **Who can tell how often they offend? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Reader 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..

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in your sight; *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true
Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the
world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and
serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.
Amen**

Second Reading. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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. 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn. Lord, Be Thy Word My Guide (#480 CP)

Lord, be thy word my guide;
in it may I rejoice:
thy glory be my aim,
thy holy will my choice,

thy promises my hope,
thy providence my guard,
thine arm my strong support,
thyself my great reward.

Gospel. Luke 4:14-21

Then 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."

Reader The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Community

In the world wide Anglican cycle of prayer today we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In the Anglican/Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for The Most Rev David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada of the ACC and The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC.

We pray also for the upcoming celebration of the 20th year anniversary of the Waterloo Declaration between the Anglican congregations of Whitehorse and Trinity Lutheran on January 30th.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people, communities and parish of Carcross, Tagish, and Johnson's Crossing and the congregation of St. Savior's. We ask God's blessing, and give thanks, for all ministry happening in these communities and for ministry through the synod office.

The Litany

Let us pray to the Creator of the universe.

Leader Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all the world worship in spirit and in truth.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

Leader May the church discover that unity which is your will.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

Leader May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

Leader May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us**

Leader May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death rest in peace and rise in glory.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

The Collect

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Believing in the promises of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn. The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy. (#631 CP)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" To God All-in-All.

The Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Leader May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**