

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

January 23, 2022 ♦ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

arr. Timothy Albrecht

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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Glory to God

Robert Powell

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.**

The First Lesson

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

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."

The Psalm

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of **God**, *
and the firmament shows his **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to an-**other**, *
and one night imparts knowledge to an-**other**.
- 3 Although they have no words or **language**, *
and their voices are not **heard**,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all **lands**, *
and their message to the ends of the **world**.
- 5 In 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**.
- 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 burning **heat**.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the **soul**; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the **heart**; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures 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**.

The Second Lesson

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.

Hymn # 539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

The 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."

The Sermon

The Rev. Martin Geiger

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (Congregation response: *Hear our prayer.*)

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Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory (*All Singing. Please stand as able.*)

Hymn # 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

The Lord's Prayer

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The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

To avoid crowding in line, please wait for the ushers to signal your pew to come up. Please maintain distance from the people in front of you as you come forward at all times.

The clergy will distribute communion from the center of the chancel. The wine distribution is by the side columns.

For the bread, hold both hands out and up, one over the other, so the clergy can drop the bread into your hands without touching your hands. Lower your mask to consume the bread. If you wish to receive wine, move to the chalice for the wine. Consume the wine and place cup in the white tray on the table at the bottom of the steps. If you wish to intinct, please take the cup of wine, intinct the wafer, and then place the wine cup in the white tray on the next table.

Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to cross your arms over your chest and receive a no-contact blessing.

Choir Anthem

Hymn # 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello, arr. Biggs

As weather permits, to help keep the exit from the church flowing, the clergy will greet you by the courtyard to the left as you come out of the sanctuary.

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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