



A SERVICE OF ANTE-COMMUNION THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

THE GLORIA

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

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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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader A reading from 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

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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?
5 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;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
7 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.
8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 1:11-24

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

I WANT you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Reader 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 Holy Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE SERMON Father Parry

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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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Intercessor United in the same mind and the same purpose, let us pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family, saying: Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that we may have the freedom to leave everything and follow Jesus' call to service. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the people of our companion diocese of Kajo Keji in South Sudan, that God may strengthen, comfort, and hold them in safekeeping during this time of trial. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who are called to be fishers of people may use our diverse gifts to show to all the power of God's love. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For a spirit of hope, that all who find themselves walking in darkness may be renewed in mind and spirit with a vision and promise of life and wholeness. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the members of Congress, that the Spirit will give them wisdom, insight and courage to lead us in ways that are just and righteous, and lead to the healing of the nation. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who are unjustly harassed or detained, that God will protect them from harm and speed their return to their communities and loved ones. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who help others find Christ, that they may share the good news of Jesus in lifegiving and healing ways. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who struggle with the burdens of life, and especially for those commended to our prayers: Amanda & John, Andy, Ashley, Bessie E, Bill, Bill & Mary Ellen, Bob, Brian, Carol, Carter & the Berry Family, Cathy, Chase, Chloe, Chris, Christina, Christine, David, Dean, Dee, Denise, Dick & Susie, Dom, Don, Donna, Donovan,

Elizabeth, Gerry & Family, Jack & Maureen, Jackson, Janet, Janice H., Janice J., Jason & Sarah, Jace, Jen C., Jen W., Jill, Joanne, Joe, Joe & Cathy, John, John and Jean, Judy, Julia, Julie, June, Kat, Katie & James, Kurt & Family, Kylie, Lenore, Leo, Lisa, Lori, Lori & Bryan; Lorrie, Bob, Daniel, & Noah; Margaret, Mary, Mary Lou, Maureen, Mike, Nancy, Nikki, Owen, Pat, Patsy, Rich, Rick & Cheryl, Rita, Rita & Pat, Stephanie, Sue, Taylor & Andrew, the Barbuti family, the Rinker family, the Stahurski family; Tim, Lori, & Bryan; Wayne, Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Mary Jane, Robin, Heather, Chase, Philomena, Jeanette, Mario, Canon Bill+, Scott, Margaret, Brendan, Albert, Bessie, Christine, Colleen, John, Anne, Josie, David, Hannah, David, and Jane, that the light of God's love will bring them joy and wholeness. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially Janina, Jane, Mary Ann, Bob, Keith, Thomas, Bryan and David, that the light of Christ may shine upon them forever. Holy God, hear our prayer. In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Paul the Apostle and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant God of all dawning light, hear our prayers and give us courage to answer readily the call to follow you, letting nothing in us interfere with the good news of your kingdom. Glory to you forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Celebrant offers the comfortable words.

THE PEACE

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

The Ministers and the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BLESSING

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**