



## **Mission Statement**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

## **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 23, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

**Enriching our Worship**

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## The Word of God

Entrance Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

Thomas Olivers

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed: we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.
2. He by himself hath sworn; we on his oath depend; we shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend; we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore, and sing the wonders of his grace for ever more.
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.
4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be; eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."
5. The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry; hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Glory to God S280

Richard Felciano

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

### **Lessons**

*The congregation is seated*

*Lector* A reading from Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Michael Proscia

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



the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb. R

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

12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse 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 offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. R

### *Lector*

A reading from Corinthians 12:12-31a

Richard Pfleger

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.

Lector        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
People        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**Sequence Hymn WLP 782    Gracious Spirit, give your servants    Carl P. Daw, Jr**

1. Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy to set sin's captives free, hope to heal the broken hearted, peace to share love's liberty. Through us bring your balm of gladness to the wounded and oppressed; help us claim and show God's favor as a people called and blessed.
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glory to become our great high priest, taking on our human nature to redeem the last and least: let your courage and compassion shape and guide our ministries; as our Savior and our Shepherd, lead us to the truth that frees.

## **The Gospel**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:14-21  
*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

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

### **Sequence Hymn WLP 782**

3. Loving God, who birthed creation from the nothing-ness of space, kindling life where all was empty, turning chaos into grace: when we feel confused and fruitless, dawn upon our restless night; give us faith's imagination, hope's renewing, love's delight.
4. Triune God, eternal Being, never ending, unbegun, boundless grace and perfect justice, righteous and forgiving One: so enfold us in your mercy that our wills and yours unite; through us may the world behold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

### **Sermon**

Rev. Geoffrey Boyer

### **Nicene Creed**

*(All stand as you are able)*

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**

Val Valverde

*Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us call to God for the needs of the world and the church, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring of the Spirit's gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the liberation of all oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the



penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, and for all who guide and teach along the way, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who in their illness look to us for strength and healing in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

*[The Intercessor will offer names from our parish prayer list. Then the congregation is invited to unmute their individual channels to offer their petitions.]*

For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death, especially [...], let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

*[Members of the congregation may add names at this time.]*

*Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your favor comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Make of us your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever. Amen.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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 Peace**

*All stand as you are able. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Announcements**

Pat Roberts

# **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Solo**      **O Holy Spirit**

Lisa Norton-Rotella

**The Great Thanksgiving**      Eucharistic Prayer B

*The Celebrant faces the people and says*

## **The Sursum corda**

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

## Hymn S 128

## Holy, Holy, holy Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

**S161**

**Lamb of God**

said in unison

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*In the Episcopal Church, all persons (adults and children) are welcome at the Lord's Table. We offer the sacrament in one kind – bread.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, when you come to the altar, please cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest of your wish.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Sending Out Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 632      O Christ, the Word Incarnate,      William Walsham How**

1. O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
2. The Church from our dear Master received the word divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
3. O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy true light as of old; O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

**The Dismissal**

*Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.*

**Assisting with the service today**

Readers	Michael Proscia and Richard Pflieger
Prayers of the People	Val Valverde
Coordinator	Michael Proscia
Music	Paul Campbell
Church Administrator	Terry Glover
Vestry Members:	Linda Cage, Outreach coordinator
	Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden
	Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden
	Richard Pflieger, Treasurer
	Sherran Davis, Clerk
	Archie Polk, Evangelism

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