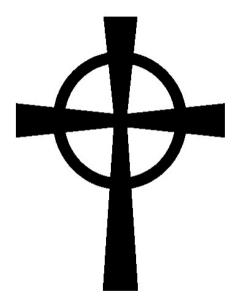


EPISCOPAL CHURCH

POINT LOMA



# January 22, 2022

Five o'clock in the evening

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We invite all to grow in faith with us as we embody and courageously share God's love in the world.

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

The Officiant continues

A LMIGHTY 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.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

The Officiant and people say together

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.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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*.

#### FIRST READING

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

A reading from the Nehemiah.

↑ LL the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They  $\mathcal{L}$  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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 19 Caeli enerrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 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 again; \* 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 judgements 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.
- 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.

#### SECOND READING

Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from Corinthians.

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.

Silence may be kept.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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."

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

#### REFLECTION AND CONVERSATION

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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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

On the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. We pray also for our companion diocese of Western Mexico. On the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the children, staff, and board of Vida Joven de Mexico. For the growth and service in the diocese Grant that every member of your church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people*.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the president, the congress, and the courts. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory, and give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those whom you add now, silently or aloud. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, and those whom you add now, silently or aloud. Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others and for our parish family as we enter this time of transition, new growth, and new possibilities. *Silence*.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All say together

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 Officiant says

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

#### THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant continues

IN UNION, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered throughout your Church and remembering particularly the times we have gathered to share your blessed Body and Blood, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.* 

### Officiant and People

UR 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 Officiant continues

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## Leader and People

Grant, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The Leader concludes with the following

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen* 

If there is bread or wine to bless, the Leader offers the following

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the fruit of the vine and the grain of the earth. Grant that we who share this wine and bread may share forever the new life of the true Vine and the food of everlasting life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

