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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Third Sunday
after the Epiphany



Freedom



St. Michael's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing to you, feel free to ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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Service Notes

* Denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)

"Celebration" refers to the Celebration Hymnal located throughout the Nave.

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The Word of God

* Processional Song

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Celebration # 169

* Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

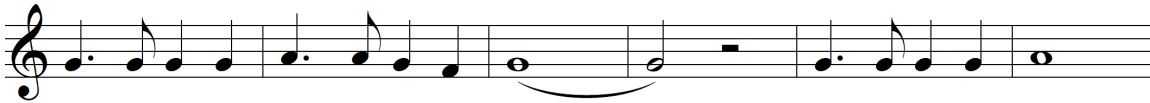
* Song of Praise

“Glorify Thy Name”

Celebration # 9



1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,



Glo - ri-fy Thy name in all the earth. _____ Glo - ri-fy Thy name,



Glo - ri-fy Thy name, Glo - ri-fy Thy name in all the earth. _____

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.*

First Lesson

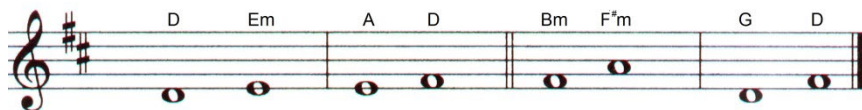
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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 Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *(changing notes at the highlighted word)*



The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

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.

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

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends; cleanse me from my secret *faults*.

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*.

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 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.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Sequence**

“Be Thou My Vision ”

Celebration # 562

* **Holy Gospel**

Luke 4:14-21

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sheila Baskin was born in Kansas Missouri and raised in Mississippi. She is the founder and choreographer of a dance ministry called GPA & Company, which originally branched out of her first group called God's Precious Angels, then His Young Lions birthed at Calvary Temple Baptist Church in the year 2000. Along with ministering through dance, Sheila Baskin was ordained in 2019 into the Ministry of the Gospel to preach the Word. On July 27, 2024, Sheila had the privilege and honor to be ordained nationally, allowing her to preach the gospel around the world. She is now one of the ministers at Victory Temple Christian Life Center. Sheila works full-time as the Behavior Interventionist at the Cherry Campus of Academie Lafayette Charter School, where Asher and Anya attend. Sheila is also proud mother of two of her own.

*** Nicene Creed**

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

Form II, BCP p. 385

(Add your prayers silently or aloud after each petition)

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Provisional Bishop, Diane and our Bishop elect, Amy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember this day those on our altar prayer list and those you would name. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed and those who grieve. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

* **Confession and Absolution**

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

All: 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.

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

***The Peace**

Officiant The peace of the LORD be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

- Annual Reports
- After service today – Annual Meeting & Potluck, Video Interviews
- Thursday, February 20, 6 pm – Game Night

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Bind Us Together”

Celebration # 425

* **The Presentation**

“Doxology”

Celebration # 815

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The LORD be with you.

“Sursum Corda” Hymnal # S-120

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface: 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:

* Sanctus

“Holy Holy Holy Lord”

Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the

Lord of the Lord Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again;

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN!

* The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

* Fraction

"Come to the Table of Mercy"

Celebration # 464



Come to the ta-ble of mer - cy, Pre-pared with the wine and the bread;



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, Come and your souls will be fed. —



Come at the Lord's in-vi - ta - tion; Re-ceive from His nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Communion Notes: Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

Communion Hymn

"Gather Us In"



1. Here in this place a new light is stream-ing
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - tr'y.
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter.
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way. _____
 We are the old who yearn for your face. _____
 Here we will take the bread of new birth. _____
 not in some heav - en, light years a - way, but



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - tr'y,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters.
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 now is the king - dom and now is the day. _____



Gath-er us in the lost and for - sak - en Gath-er us in the
 Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh - ty. Gath-er us in the
 Give us to drink the wind of com - pas - sion. Give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in, and hold us for - ev - er. Gath-er us in and



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.____
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.____
 fire____ of love in our flesh and our bone.____

*** Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing**

BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

*** Closing Song**

“We Are God’s People”

Celebration # 399

*** Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!