



+ Third Sunday after Epiphany
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+ Third Sunday after Epiphany Order for Worship

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather. Listen. Glimpse the goodness and glory of God.

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

Please rise as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: We praise you, O God, for water – the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for the waters of Jesus –
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin
and birth us each day into your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for Baptism:
C: We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

P: O God, you are Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are River, saving us from death.
O God, you are Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O Triune God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen and Amen.
C: Amen and Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come! v. 2-3

ELW 314

2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.
Blessed Lord God,
you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people.
Grant that we may hear them, read, learn, and understand them, that,
comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Please be seated

Word

First Reading – Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All 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.

²Accordingly, 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. ³He 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. ⁵And 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. ⁶Then 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. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

C: **Alleluia. Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives.” Alleluia.**

Gospel – Luke 4: 14-21

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because [the Lord] has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
[The Lord] has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate v. 1-2

ELW 722

- 1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time.
- 2 As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep
that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain
as though it were our own.

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Apostles Creed

P: In trust and hope, we profess the faith of the church:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of the People

P: Guided by the Christ made known to the nations,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition

P: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: With great hope and faith in your promises, O God,
we lift these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Offering

We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.

Thanksgiving

Canticle of Thanksgiving (Spoken)

P: Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways,
O Ruler of all the nations.
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,
and sing the glory of your name?
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one
whose name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,

✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve v. 1, 3

ELW 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

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Dismissal

P: Go in Christ's peace into the world. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

C: Congregation

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal

ACS: *All Creation Sings* hymnal

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