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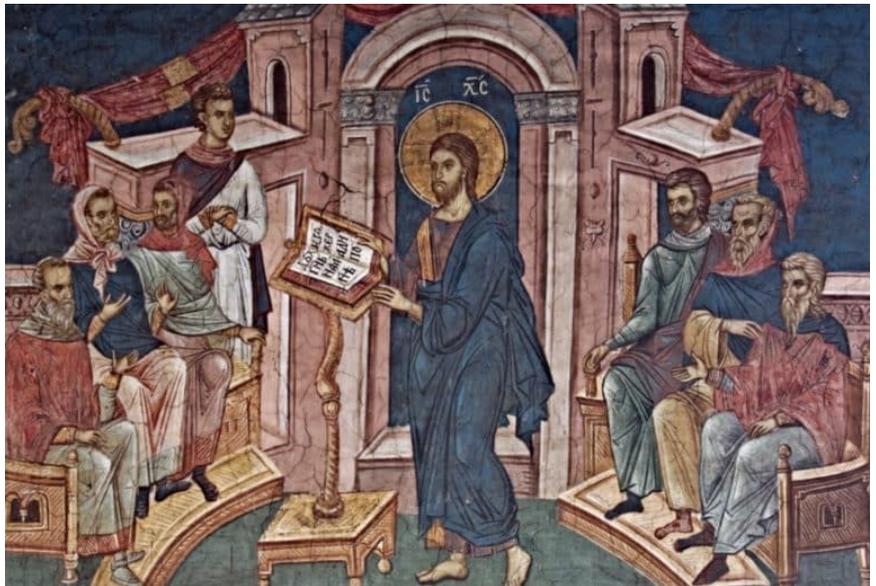


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11 AM SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
23 JANUARY 2022



We acknowledge the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the X^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and Seilíwtulh (Tseil-waututh) Nations where we live, work, and worship.

We welcome all and especially newcomers and visitors, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith. Whenever you see this sign, + before a word or text, you are invited to make the sign of the cross.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The clergy will enter and kneel to pray. At this point, please move to your seats and conclude conversations quietly. The celebrant then welcomes the gathering informally.

THE GREETING

The celebrant makes the Territorial Acknowledgement.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CP 88

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

FIRST READING

Jack Wood

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

All the people 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 worshipped 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." NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude.

SECOND READING

Jack Wood

Reader A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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 honourable we clothe with greater honour, 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 honour 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 honoured, 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.

I CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude. At the conclusion, please stand as you are able for....

THE GOSPEL

Jack Wood

Reader The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Reader +The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then 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 favour." 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."
LUKE 4:14-21

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Celebrant Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

**All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sarah Lehman

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon We have come together as God's family
to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church
and for the renewal of our common life.
The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.
In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection.

Deacon Most merciful God,
All **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 neighbours 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 upon you,
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant If our life in Christ means anything,
if love can persuade at all,
or the Spirit that we have in common,
or any tenderness and sympathy,
then be united in your conviction
and united in your love,
with a common purpose and a common mind.

All **And also with you.**

The deacon will informally give directions.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The deacon prepares the table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who on this first day of the week
overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
In our unending joy
we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven
as we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (*said*)

**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.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,

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.”

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said)*

Celebrant Now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
and each in the language in which you pray, we are bold to say,

**All 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen;

All make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The gifts of God for the people of God

All Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing. Communion is shared according to local COVID-19 protocols.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Gracious God,

**All our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
three persons in one God,
inspire you to live as one,
that you may witness to the perfect unity of divine love;
and the blessing of God, be with you always.

All Amen.

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor behave.

Hear him, ye dead, ye voiceless ones,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE.

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