The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023, at 11:15 am
& Livestreamed Online

The Holy Eucharist

Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.
The People's responses are printed in **bold**.

The Word of God

Prelude Let us break bread together Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies *Ratisbon*

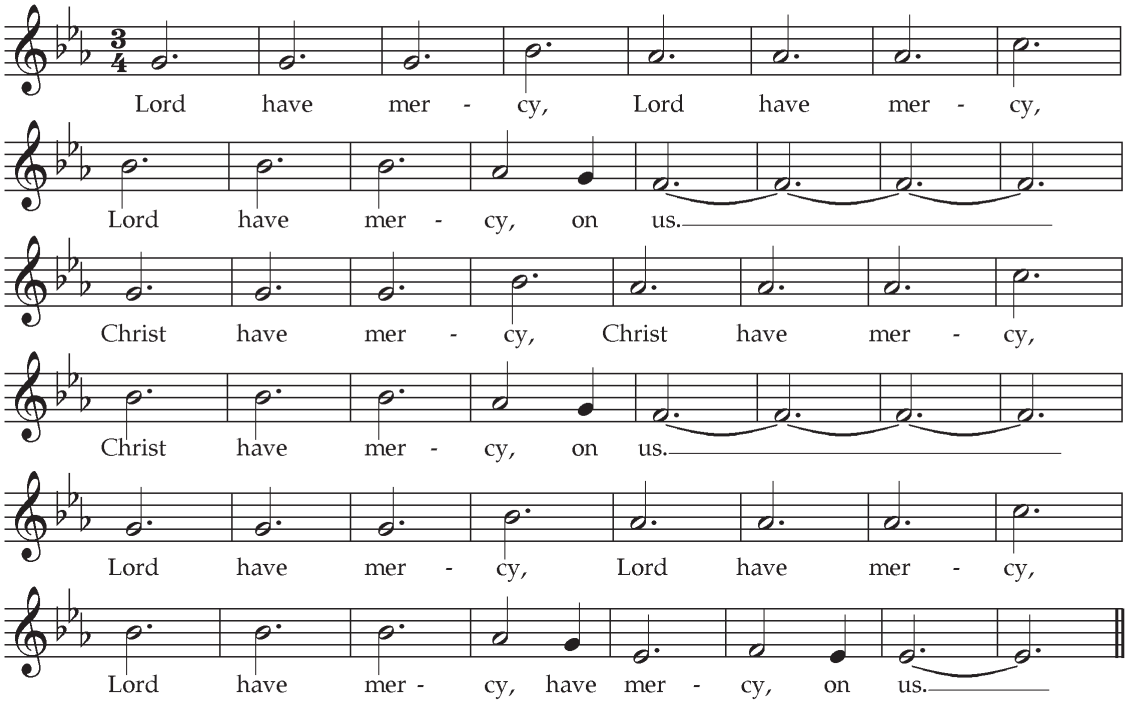
Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Sentences

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut. —*Isaiah 60:1, 18a, 11a*

Kyrie From *The Mass of St. Augustine* Leon Roberts (1950–1999)



Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
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.**

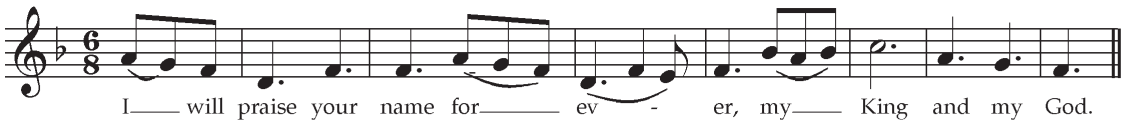
Reading *seated* 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-11 Leon Roberts

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated in the text.



God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek: *
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,

To behold your fair beauty, O God, *
and to seek you in your temple. *Antiphon*

For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; *
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

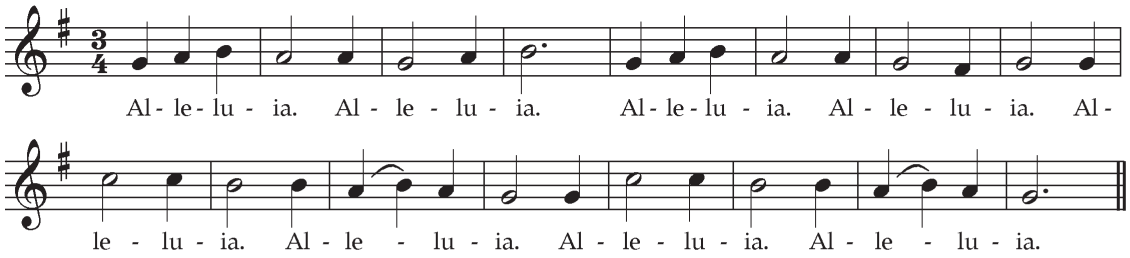
Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to you. *Antiphon*

Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, O God, will I seek. *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able* George Mxadana (b. 1948)



The Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Sermon The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *standing 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Intercessor Gracious, loving God, you know the needs of our hearts and invite us to hear your voice and to follow you: Receive our prayers as we pray.

God of grace, you love us and invite us to extend that love in friendship, generosity, and hospitality to all. Fill us with your grace, that we may be a community of kindness and compassion. Guide our efforts as we strive to understand and dismantle the structures of racism in the church and the world.

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

God of peace, we ask you to guide all leaders in our nation, the Church, and throughout the world, that they will be instruments of justice and peace. Help us to walk in your Light and invite others to share that Light with us.

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

God of creation, you have woven our bodies in the depths of the earth: Look upon the needs of a suffering world and bless all humanity. Bless us with the abundance of your Spirit and presence, that we may reveal you to our families, friends, and neighbors.

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

Good and Holy God, you fashion our lives day by day in your Spirit: Increase in us your vision, that we may see your hand at work in our community.

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for all who are ill, especially . . . and those we now name either silently or aloud . . .

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

Accept our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for . . . and those blessings we now name either silently or aloud . . .

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

Welcome into your beloved community those who have died. We pray especially for . . . and those we now name either silently or aloud . . .

O God of light: **Hear our prayers.**

Presider Gracious and loving God, we come before you with no gifts but ourselves: Accept and receive our lives, that we may show your presence; let the light of your Spirit shine within and among us, so we may share in the mystery of your purpose of blessing for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Presider offers absolution, and the People respond **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan
The St. Columba Singers ~ David Timpane, baritone (1957–2003)

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;
yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain my Lord spoke, out His mouth came fire and smoke;
down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. *Refrain*

Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body not the soul.
All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late. *Refrain*

—Text: Traditional Spiritual

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them unto God.

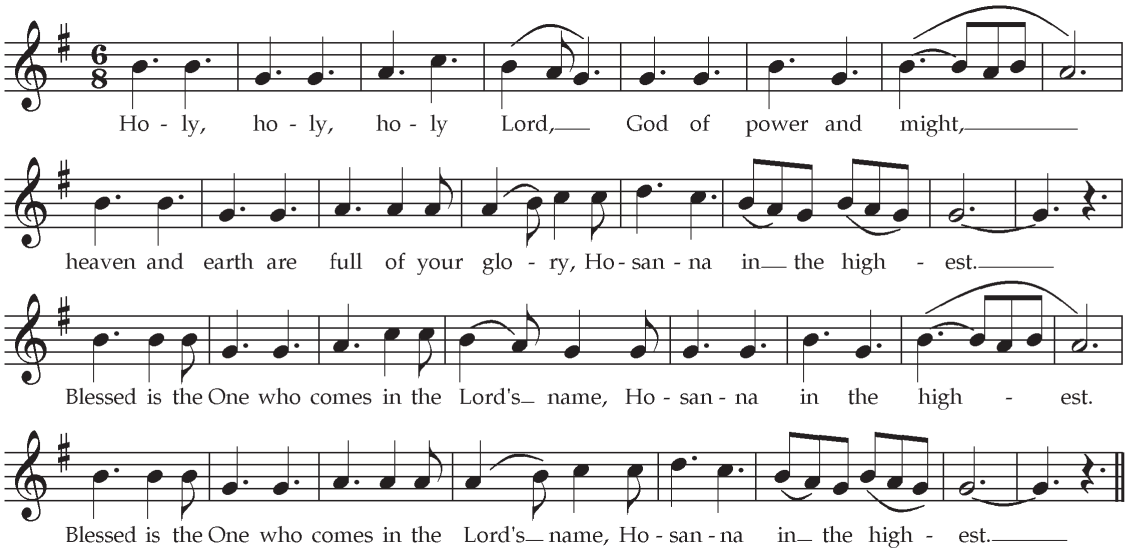
Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our mothers and fathers: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself. He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all people whose story you have shaped, with women and men of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all* Holy, holy, holy Leon Roberts



We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of hope.

Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, Jesus took the cup, saying: "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now Jesus offers all that he was, all that he is, and all that he will be.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb, and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through your never-ending grace, and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Almighty God, in whom from the beginning of time and through the great expanse of space all things are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

We alternate seasonally between the traditional and contemporary versions of the Lord's Prayer.

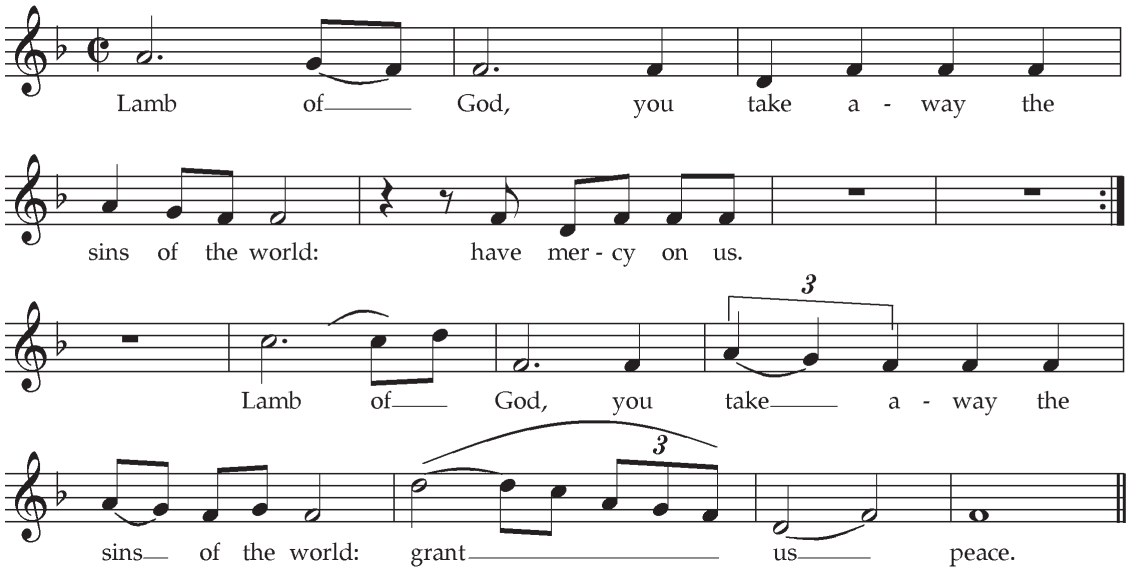
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem Lena McLin (b. 1955)



Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ *Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips.* ■ *If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine.* ■ *Respond to communion by saying "Amen."* ■ *If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.* ■ *Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station.* ■ *Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.*

Music With You Jeanne Cotter

Hymn WLP 757 Will you come and follow me *Mary Alexandra*

This hymn is in **Wonder, Love, and Praise**, *the green hymnal supplement found in your pew rack.*

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Eternal God, 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.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N.* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond **Amen.**

Hymn 527 Singing songs of expectation *Ton-y-Botel*

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude Allegro maestoso e vivace Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
from *Sonata II* in c minor, Op. 65

Epiphany Music Notes

During the season of Epiphany many of our music selections are drawn from the African American tradition as a way to celebrate and honor the contributions of Black people to our shared cultural and religious heritage. Our service music settings come from black composers George Mxadana, Lena McLin, and Leon Roberts, who was former director of liturgical music at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in the Cardozo neighborhood of Washington, which is considered the mother church of African American Catholics in the United States.

Land Acknowledgement

We give thanks that we meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who had been its custodians for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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