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# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2023



# The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### **Prelude**

# **Procession to the Altar**

**Hymn #490** I want to walk as a child of the light

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now

and for ever. Amen.

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.* 

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.

# The Collect of the Day

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.* 

# A Reading from Isaiah

(9:1-4)

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 27:1, 5-13

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days

#### of my life;

- To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
- For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

### A Reading from 1 Corinthians (1:10-18)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #661 vss. 1,2 They cast their nets

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (4:12-23)

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.** 

**Gradual Hymn #661 vss. 3, 4***They cast their nets* 

#### The Sermon

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as 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: 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**

Let us pray.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant hood. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Melissa our bishop provisional, Brian our assisting bishop; for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Owerri - (Nigeria), Owo - (Nigeria), Oxford - (England), Oyo - (Nigeria), Pacong - (South Sudan), Panama - (Central America), and The Church of North India; our diocese, especially Holy Cross, Redmond; St. Clare's, Snoqualmie; and our parish.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the leaders and people of the world, especially Joseph, our president, that reconciliation

and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the hungry in body, mind or spirit, that they may be nourished by your presence and truth.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that your healing grace may shine forth in the shadows of this world. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Saray, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gary, Marilyn, Keith, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, Jeanne, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Leanne, Terry, and for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the gifts of joy and love, that we may bear witness to the manifestations of your glory. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, remembering especially Jesus "J" Maria Fernandez, and those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### Celebrant

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen* 

#### The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with

you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

#### Offertory

Our Sunday loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.



# The Great Thanksgiving - B

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and

praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Celebrant and People

#### Sanctus

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.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

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** 

### Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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 this day 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 and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** 

All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one <u>or</u> both of the elements or receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.

If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.

# **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed

Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer 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.

# **The Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

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.

# The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

# **Procession to the Neighborhood**

They'll know we are Christians by our love

1. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other.
 We will walk hand in hand.
 We will walk with each other.
 We will walk hand in hand.
 And together we'll spread the news

that God is in our land. Refrain

- We will work with each other.
   We will work side by side.
   We will work with each other.
   We will work side by side.
   And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. Refrain
- All praise to the Father, from whom all things came.
   And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
   Refrain

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#### St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People* **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Postlude**