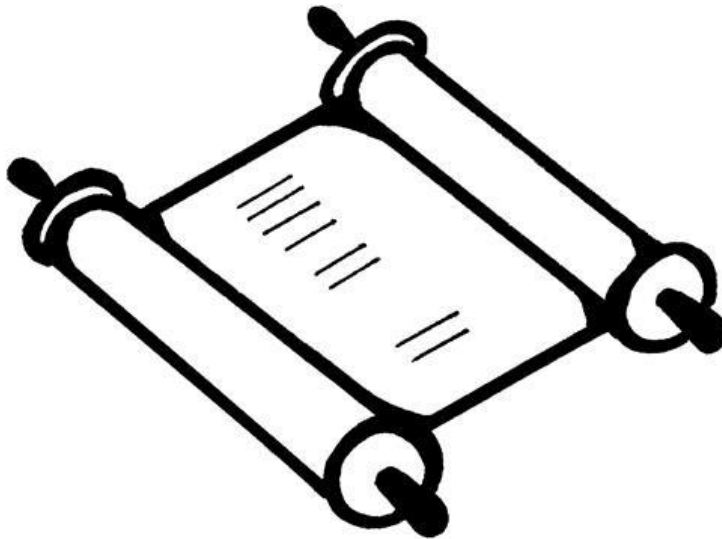


# You're Welcome...



Epiphany 3: January 23, 2022



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# The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM

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GATHERING

## Announcements

**Prelude: Handbell Choir:** *Chaconne for Bells*, Hal H. Hopson

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Please kneel) (Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P. Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen**

P. Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C. Amen**

*(Please stand)*

**The Entrance Hymn: #314 ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!**

## Apostolic 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.**

## Hymn of Praise: *O Morning Star...* (STANZAS 1 and 5 ONLY)



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For life  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

**Stanza 5: Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way--today, tomorrow, every day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!**

## The Prayer of the Day:

P. Blessed Lord God,

**C. you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest 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. Amen**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## WORD

### The First Lesson Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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."

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 19 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God, and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another, and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language, and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world, where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again; nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your  
sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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?

<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>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; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation (*stand*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

### C. Glory to you, O Lord, (spoken)

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“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, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

L. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

*[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]*

*(Please stand)*

The Hymn of the Day: #551 THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

## **Apostles' Creed**

P. Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

## **The Prayers:**

A. The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*(Please kneel)*

A. God of grace,

**C. hear our prayer.**

P. Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**The Offering: Sr. Choir: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, J. Wyeth**

*(Please stand)*

## Offertory Hymn:

# We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## The Offertory Prayer:

A. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

**C. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen**

## The Preface Dialogue (spoken):

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

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

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

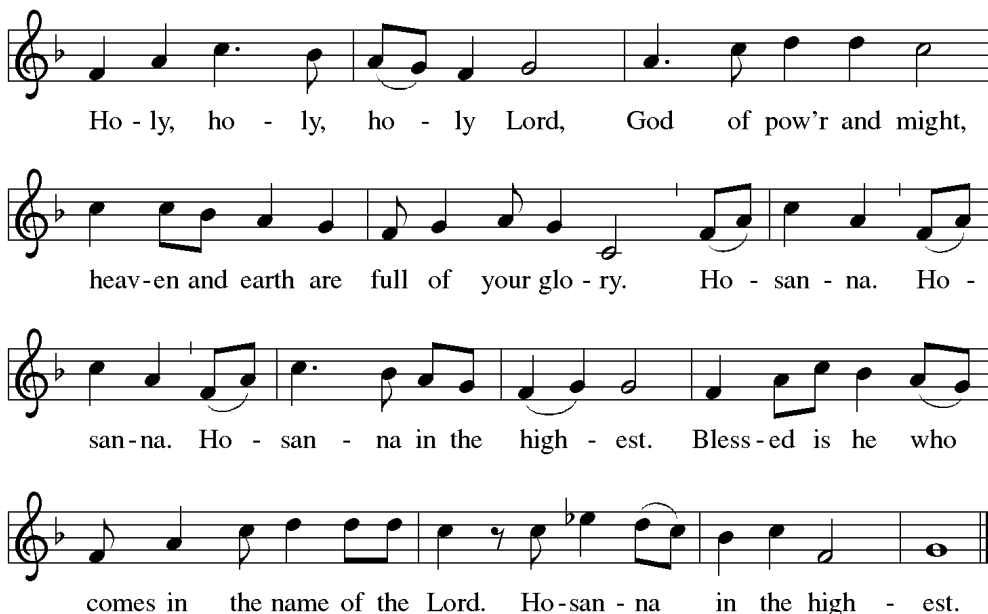
**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## Preface for Sundays

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

### The Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer:

P. Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

## **The Fraction:**

P. Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## **The *Agnus Dei* -LAMB OF GOD (spoken together)**

**C. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## **COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **The Blessing of Communicants:**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C. Amen**

### **The Post Communion Prayer:**

P. We give you thanks, gracious God,

**C. for we have feasted on your abundant grace. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **The 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 forever.

**C. Amen**

### **The Dismissal**

A. Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* Theodore Beck**

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**DELIVER FLOWERS:** Heather Zimmerman

Please do not forget to fill out a Communion Card. A communion and contribution of record are necessary each year for confirmed Members to maintain their voting status.

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

† **To the glory of God.**

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## Prayers of the People

The family of Pam Critchfield in the death of her son Bill  
Bonnie Eberly- Moravian Manor, Room 261  
Linda Hammaker – George Hammaker’s sister  
Candice Walker – 270 Stevens Rd. Stevens, PA 17578  
Kathrin Baltz – 10 Windolph Ct. Lititz, PA 17543  
Jacob Connelly  
Connie Hutchinson – 1010 James Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522  
Shut-ins of the Parish  
President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation  
All outreach ministries, serving those in need  
All those who have suffered losses during the current pandemic and all those front line and essential workers keeping us safe.



***If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.***

## CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Major Jessica Bowers  
Alexander Mulvenna  
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Kathy Berkosky  
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Ally Bleacher  
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Family of Scott Bartsch  
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