

3rd Sunday After the

EPIPHANY

*Welcome to our home!
We would love for you
to join our family!*

January 26, 2025

We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #542

Christ is the world's true light

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Opening Sentence

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Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Isaiah 49:6b

Confession

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Please sit or kneel.

Officiant: Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Epiphany Antiphon

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Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate: Psalm 100

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Officiant: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

People: **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Officiant: Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

People: **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

People: **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

Officiant: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

People: **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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People: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 19

Read responsively by half verse.

Reader 1: The heavens declare the glory of God,

People: **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

Reader 1: One day tells its tale to another,

People: **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Reader 1: Although they have no words or language,
People: **and their voices are not heard,**

Reader 1: Their sound has gone out into all lands,
People: **and their message to the ends of the world.**

Reader 1: In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
People: **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

Reader 1: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
People: **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Reader 1: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
People: **the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

Reader 1: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Reader 1: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
People: **the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

Reader 1: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
People: **sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Reader 1: By them also is your servant enlightened,
People: **and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Reader 1: Who can tell how often he offends?
People: **cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Reader 1: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
People: **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

Reader 1: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
People: **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Reader 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

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

Please be seated

Reader 1: A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All 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. 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 worshiped 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."

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

Canticle 20: Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

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In Unison

All: **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.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Reader 2: A reading from Paul's first letter 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 honorable we clothe with greater honor, 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 honor 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 honored, 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.

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

Sequence Hymn: #628

***Help us O Lord to learn
(v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)***

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 favor."

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: Brita Cantrell

Please be seated.

Apostles' Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

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.

We Pray

Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages: Set A

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Please be seated.

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: **We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

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Officiant: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish and Search Process

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Officiant: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, especially as we go through our search process. Guide us to the priest that you want us to have; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

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Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Reader: Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

People: **Trinity, Guthrie; Diocese of Puerto Rico; Diocese of Rochester; The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.**

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: We pray for...

People: **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

People: **Donald, our President; JD, our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: **Ronnie, Mike, John, Stuart, Nancy, Catheryne, Jennifer, Paula, Ched, Phillip, Roger, Patricia, Leslie, Anna, Pam, Jonathan, D.G., Lester, Mark, Falling family, Joe, Connie, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those who have died, (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

People: **Chris, Marlene, Van, Bret, Elizabeth, and Leah.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers *BCP Page 830*

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

For a Birthday

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Officiant: Let us pray. Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Remain seated.

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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All: **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Please stand and sing.

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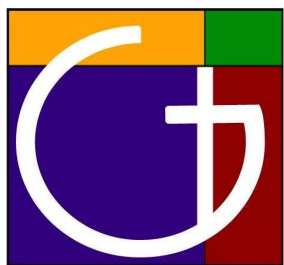
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Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13



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