

The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

January 26, 2025 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: David Cooper

Acolytes: Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith

Lector: Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith, Yazmin Allander

Director of Music: Dennis Deem Intercessor: Carolynne Cooper

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude "Cornet Voluntary" John Travers

Processional Hymn (pg. 10) "Gather Us In"

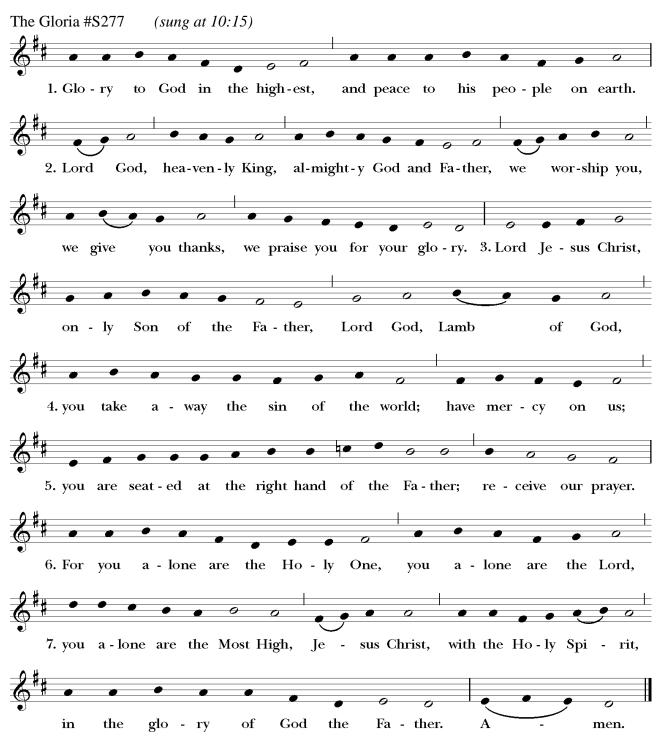
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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*.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

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.

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

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

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

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

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 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.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-31a)

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.

The Sequence Hymn (pg. 11) "One Bread, One Body"

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:14-21)

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.

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People (led by Carolynne Cooper)

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, "Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light, we see light."

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit, you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation. Clothe your ministers in righteousness, Lord. Let your people sing with joy.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

May we desire the common good, Lord. Teach us to love each other as you have loved us. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those in need, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . .

The congregation reads the names on the prayer lists aloud together.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Forest Fire Victims and Firefighters	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens-healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan – strength
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing	Amanda Morris – healing

Timothy Dotson – strength and direction Vickie Dilley – healing/strength

Amy Cooper – hospitalized, severe pain Jordan Farley & Channing – reunite in custody/guidance

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Joee Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Julia Lee	Marlene Cox	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	David Nevins	Wendy Meridith
Hal Foss	Charles Sterchak	Desirae Ryske	John Stevens

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Lord, you are the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve for us life eternal.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

The Absolution

The priest says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem "Lead Me, Lord" David Blackwell

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

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.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and

fountain of mercy.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People Sanctus (pg. 12)

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

Fraction Hymn (pg. 13)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Anthem "Three Interludes" Starling Goodwin

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send

us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Post Communion Hymn (pg. 14)

"The Song of Simeon"

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.

Anniversaries and Birthdays: Roberta Green

Recessional Hymn #72

"Hark! The glad sound!"

Richmond

The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

"Go Now in Peace" (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace; go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go

Please stay seated for the Annual Meeting

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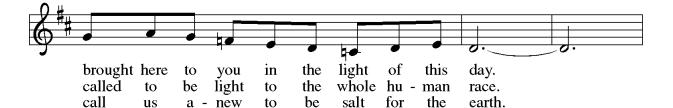
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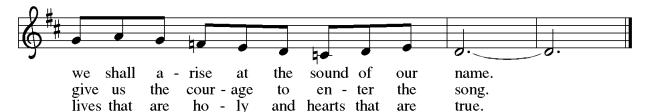
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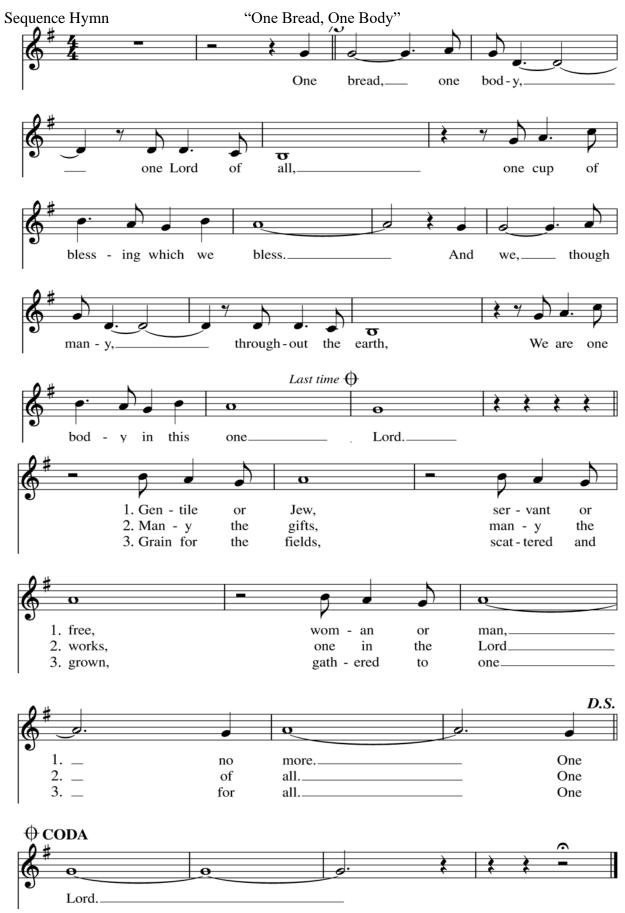
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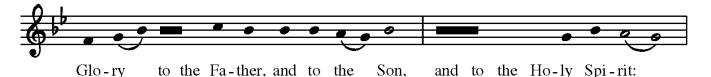
have prom-ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav - ior,



whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en-



light-en the na - tions, and the glory of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.





as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. [Ant.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting TODAY: Our Annual Meeting for the election of Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates as well as presentation of the 2025 Budget will begin immediately after the service.

Last Sunday Supper TODAY. We will begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. Servers need to be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30PM. Even if you only have an hour, we will be happy to have your help.

Chili Cook Off - We have rescheduled the Chili Cook off for next Sunday, Feb. 2nd, right after the 10:15 service. If you had signed up for making chili on the original date, we hope that you can still make it for Feb. 2nd. Anyone who would like to bring chili, chips, or cheese, please do so.

Installation of Katie Beth Miksa: Katie Beth will be installed as our priest on Saturday, February 15 at 11AM. There will be a reception following the service. All are invited to attend.

Souper Bowl Sunday – It is time to begin shopping for Souper Bowl Sunday. We will collect your donations of non-perishables on Sunday, Feb. 9th. You can also bring them to the office the week before. A list of needed items was in last Wednesday's "Shepherd's Staff" newsletter.

Rummage News: Donations are being accepted for the March sale. Household items always sell well. If you can help sort and price, even just 1 day, contact Deb. The sale will be March 7 & 8.

Bible Study – We have 2 Bible Study groups led by David Cooper. One group meets from 4:15 - 5:15 PM and is discussing the Letter to the Romans. The other group meets from 5:15 - 6:15PM and is studying Second Samuel. You are welcome to attend either group.

Open Altar Flower dates: Two vases are available on Feb. 2, 9, & 23, March 2. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

End of year Pledge Statements are in the narthex for you to pick up today.