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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“God Himself Is Present”

- ♪ God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!
- ♪ God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding.
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.
- ♪ Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? *Romans 7:12, 22-24*

Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

♪ Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
~Shine on me, Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

♪ Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
~Shine on me...

♪ As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory; Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
~Shine on me....

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Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And 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...

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground....

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And 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 as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For 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. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should 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. ¹⁶And if the ear should 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as

it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The 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." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

"Thy Strong Word" (vv. 1-3)

♪ Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

~Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

♪ Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,

Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath. ~Alleluia...

♪ Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. ~Alleluia...

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Holy Gospel Please Stand

Luke 4:16–30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the

time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

♪ From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

~Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

♪ Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia,...

♪ All praise to God the Father be, All praise eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore: Alleluia,....

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Proclamation of the Word

“Not What You Want to Hear”

Luke 4:16–30

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with:

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

♪ Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

♪ Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

♪ Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

♪ Make me to walk in Thy commands- 'Tis a delightful road-

Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

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Postlude

Door Offering *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*

