

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 23, 2022

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:  
O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,  
**C** We are embarrassed to come before you, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. And therefore we are embarrassed. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.  
**P** O Lord, great God, all holy, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love.  
**C** Incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy - on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.  
**P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."  
**C** Amen.

# Opening Hymn #801

# How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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- P** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- C** **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**
- P** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- C** **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**
- P** In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- C** **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**
- P** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- C** **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- C** **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- C** **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

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

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If 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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>If 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? <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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and 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 with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:16–30*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup> [Jesus] 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. <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 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,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And 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. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> And 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?” <sup>23</sup> And 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.” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But 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, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# Sermon Hymn

## Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God ab - ove I have a strong and per - fect  
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can  
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

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<sup>1</sup>When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. <sup>2</sup>He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. <sup>3</sup>And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup>When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. <sup>5</sup>Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. <sup>6</sup>Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, <sup>7</sup>and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. <sup>8</sup>Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. <sup>9</sup>And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup>Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, <sup>11</sup>"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

<sup>12</sup>And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. <sup>13</sup>Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" <sup>15</sup>Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup>Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

### Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

Apostles' Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

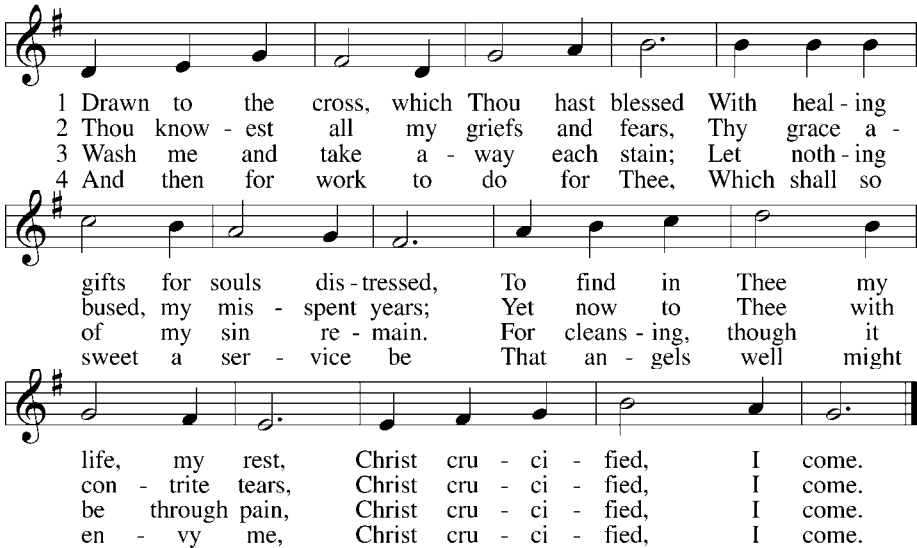
Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #560

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so  
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might  
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Distribution Hymn #570

Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,  
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to  
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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# Distribution Hymn #597

# Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness  
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that  
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of  
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged  
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing  
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried  
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us  
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing  
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.  
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.  
 With His bod - y and His blood.  
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.  
 Life has come, with life for all.

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## Nunc Dimittis

**P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.

**C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
 Which You have prepared before the face of all people;  
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Closing Hymn #922

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## Benediction

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**[C]** Amen.

## Announcements

### Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM

### Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

### Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study** 9:00 AM

**Baby Bottle Campaign.** Join us in supporting Mosaic Pregnancy Centers with the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles are available for pick up in the narthex today.

**Card Shower!** For Valentine's Day, we are showing our love by holding a card shower for our elderly members unable to attend service. What is a card shower? We have provided a packet of cards for you on the table in the narthex. You may take home a packet and fill the cards with a message, Bible verse, picture from the kids, or word of encouragement and return them to church by Sunday, February 13. We are looking for 7 volunteers to hand deliver cards in the Glen Carbon area after church on Sunday, February 13. Please contact the church office if you are interested in being a volunteer.

**Helping Hands needed.** One of our members residing at Meridian Village, Glen Carbon, needs a ride to upcoming doctor appointments. Car type needs to be a sedan. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

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