

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 16, 2022

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the third Sunday  
Altar Guild team, Stephanie Reimers and Lauren Surber, by Margaret Gossweiler.*

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**PRELUDE** - "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

*Paul Manz*

**OPENING HYMN** - "Christ Whose Glory fills the Skies"

*7, Hymnal 1982*

**WELCOME**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

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

*Celebrant:*

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 GLORIA** - *Celebrant and people sing.*

*S - 280, Hymnal 1982*

***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.***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 62:1-5

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**THE RESPONSE** - Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
***and your faithfulness to the clouds.***
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \*  
***you save both man and beast, O LORD.***
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
***your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.***
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
***you give them drink from the river of your delights.***

9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
*and in your light we see light.*

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
*and your favor to those who are true of heart*

**THE SECOND LESSON** - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

**GRADUAL HYMN** - "Blessed Jesus at thy Word"

440, *Hymnal 1982*

**THE GOSPEL** - Matthew 2:1-12

*The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant and People:*

*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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form IV

*Deacon:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence.*

*Deacon:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

*Deacon:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

*Deacon:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Deacon:* We pray for healthcare workers, first responders, law enforcement, essential workers, and for all others who minister to the suffering. We ask you to grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

*Deacon:* We pray for those in the military and for those serving our country at home and abroad, and their families, especially:

Abigail Brannon  
Samuel McCabe  
Nate Cotter  
Taylor Craddock

Allahvel Fitzpatrick, Jr.  
Jessica Helsel  
David A. Hoffman  
Michael Sprinkel

Matthew Stevens  
Carrington Travers  
Brienne Tyson  
Braeden Woodside

*Deacon:* We pray with thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially:

Jan. 16: Julia Green  
Jan. 17: Evan Crow

Jan. 17: Wynn Myers  
Jan. 20: Brad & Lydia Hansen

*Silence.*

*Deacon:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Barbara Cook  
Benjamin Ryan  
Buddy Clark  
Carol Galloway  
Catherine  
Haley Clark  
Jeanette Goss  
Joe Leary  
Kirsten Brannon  
Martha Turner  
Nadine  
Patrick Edrington  
Ray Johns

Robert Dodd  
Sally Jebson  
Sonja Johns  
Stephen Brown  
Evelyn Rogers  
Cheryl Moore  
Priscilla Cook  
Wayne Gallimore  
Ed & Jane Curry  
Amy Keady  
Linda Long  
Anne Kunlo Scully  
Chris Geest

Jane  
Tony Mullins  
Marrietta Easley  
Rick Brown  
Eric Smith  
Wayne Sanders  
Samuel Phillips  
Douglas Surber  
Bo Cornwell  
Peyton Cramer  
Tom Lewis

*Silence.*

*Deacon:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Phyllis Byrne.

*Silence.*

*Deacon:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant and People:*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from 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**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
~ Ephesians 5:2

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** - "O Holy Spirit by Whose Breath Plainsong"

*arr. Richard Wojcik*

**THE DOXOLOGY** - Fraction Anthem (*At the Presentation of the gifts*)

*380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982*

*Celebrant and People sing:*

*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 B

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS - *Celebrant and People sing.*

*S - 125, Hymnal 1982*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Celebrant:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Holy Family and Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant and People:*

***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**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia.***

*Celebrant:* 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.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”  
“All Praise to You, O Lord”

*135, Hymnal 1982  
138, Hymnal 1982*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant:*

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** - “Christ is the World’s true Light”

*542, Hymnal 1982*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**POSTLUDE** - “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

*Wilbur Held*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Loose Offering - Jan. 16**

Please remember to drop your loose change in the collection plate on Sunday. The loose offering goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

**Closings**

The church office and the Food Closet will be closed on Mon., January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather**

St. Thomas Circle is canceled on Tues., Jan. 18 and Supper Club is canceled on Wed., Jan. 19. Both groups will resume their Feb. scheduled, weather permitting.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 30 at 12 PM in the Parish Hall. We'll share how our church fared in 2021 and what we'll look forward to in this New Year. Light refreshments will be provided. Masks are required. Social distancing is requested. Family/groups may sit together.

Group reports are due in the office by Jan. 21 to be included in the meeting pack. [krosica@ststephensculpeper.net](mailto:krosica@ststephensculpeper.net).

### **Vestry Members**

New Vestry members will be elected at the Annual meeting on January 30. We have 4 - 3 year positions to fill, and if we have enough volunteers, we will fill an unfinished term of 2 years. Per the Bylaws, the Vestry can consist of up to 12 members. Currently we have 10. This is a good opportunity to be a part of the functioning of your church! Some things vestry members have said about their time serving: "It's being a part of a group who cares"; "I get to know people better"; and "I get to know those I wouldn't have otherwise"; "I get a better sense of 'ownership' of the church"; and "am understanding of how things work"; "it's collaborative"; "I fit in- there's not a 'type' of person who is more right to be involved"; "I've grown closer in my relationship with others." Contact the church office or any Vestry member if you're interested or you would like to nominate someone.

### **Adult Sunday School - Hybrid**

Class resumes on Jan. 16. The new topic is a book study co-written by our Interim Rector, William Sachs, and Michael Bos, "Fragmented Lives, Finding Faith in an Age of Uncertainty," will begin with an introduction to "religiosity", and will continue with a new chapter study each week. Books are available at church to take, borrow, or buy. They are also available on Amazon for purchase for about \$22. Keep this recurring Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87481252297>  
Meeting ID: 87481252297

### **Pledge/Giving Envelopes**

Your boxed pledge/giving envelopes have arrived, located on a table in the Parish Hall. Please pick up your box as soon as you're able. If you don't find a box with your name and you wanted envelopes, please contact the church office: 540-825-8786 or [bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net](mailto:bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net).

### **The St. Monnica Chapter of the Daughters of the King**

The DOK held a Quiet Hour on Jan 6 for Epiphany. The Church is a beautiful and contemplative place to be with God!

The Daughters will continue with their evening to help with the Heat Shelter, and will engage in the Bibles, Prayer Books, and Butterflies Sunday in May, but will not meet for the next number months due to increased concern for health and welfare on different levels for themselves and their families.

Lectio Divina will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM via Zoom.

### **Helping Hands Ministry**

This is a change on an old idea, with a new group forming. Made up of parishioners, the idea is to have a volunteer list of people willing to care for others as the need arises. The clergy (and vestry) will most often be one of the first to know of someone's need, and will refer to this group for a person available to help. The types of service span from sitting with a person to allow the caregiver to go out, running errands, providing a meal, picking up groceries or prescriptions, sharing a meal with someone, or having coffee and sharing our time with someone. If interested, please call the church office or contact Becky Walser: [ricer1@aol.com](mailto:ricer1@aol.com).