

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22nd, 2023



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We are delighted to have you with us!

Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am

Prelude “Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray”  
Processional Hymn

John Duro  
#126, The Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Officiant and people say together*

**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 Song of Praise

S-280, The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant 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 *The people sit.*

**The Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response: Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

*Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  
of my life;

- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his  
shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized

anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

#661, The Hymnal 1982

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee  
of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of  
death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them,

“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

Deacon Dina

*A brief time of silence after the sermon is held for reflection.*

**Nicene Creed** *all stand and say together*

BCP 358

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, Form II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Memorial Church, Danville. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sunbury, and the Church of North India (United).

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially: our President, Joe Biden; our Governor Tom Wolf, and our Mayor, Josh Brosnious; our State Representative Lynda Schlegel-Culver; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, and for our homebound members: Anita.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for Stephen, Frances (Fran), Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Church of the Redeemer, Mike B., Noelle, Christian, Dennis, Sandy, Rich, Linda, Nathan K., Nancy, and Terry. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers.

I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially Bryan and Alverna.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your thanksgivings offered either silently or aloud. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

BCP 360

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon 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 Priest alone stands and 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**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Officiant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Hymn**

#539, The Hymnal 1982

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

*The people may stand.*

*The Celebrant says* 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 God thanks and praise.**



*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

S-129, The Hymnal 1982

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **The Agnus Dei**

S-151, The Hymnal 1982

*The Celebrant says*

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 Hymn

#304, The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing *The Priest blesses the People*

Recessional Hymn

#537, The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal *The Deacon dismisses the People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Recessional"

Chester Nordman

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**PARISH NOTES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled Diaper Pantry. **Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated.** We covered 30 baby bottoms in January.

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact Nancy Shipman at 570-286-0430 to volunteer. Donations of canned fruits & vegetables are welcome. The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated.**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME:** Church service time is 10:00 AM. Masks are now optional.

**PARISH NOTES** (*cont.*)

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**CHILDREN MINISTRY:** Please consider your participation & role in this vital ministry. If interested in working to teach our children and guide them in faith, please contact Anissa, 570-898-2275

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages for lay ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister** (someone who helps with communion from the altar and distributes the chalice), **Crucifer** (someone who carries the cross in procession) or **Lector** (someone who reads the lessons and the "prayers of the people"), and for the ministry of **Thurifer** (someone who dispenses incense with the thurible.) Please contact Anissa DeCaprio-Sanduta if interested.

**LAY MINISTRIES:** Anyone interested in participating with any of the Lay Ministries, please contact any Vestry member or speak with Mary Ann Loftus.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Interested in singing with the Choir? Choir rehearsals are held every Sunday after the Service. All are welcomed!

**ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON:** PLEASE JOIN US! A Luncheon for the Annual Meeting this year is scheduled for Jan. 22nd, 2023 after the service. New Vestry members will be elected along with representatives for the Annual Convention. Anyone interested in running for Vestry, please notify Mary Ann Loftus or Pam Schlegel.

**CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER:** We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm - 6:30pm. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. **\$10.00 a meal/adults; \$6.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE.**

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM.

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information  
Tues., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>: Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM  
Sun., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM  
Sun., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>: Children's Activity Sunday, 9:30AM

**PARISH NOTES** (*cont.*)

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:**

Tues., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: Pancake Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Wed., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM

Sun., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM

Serving today's liturgy

The Rev. Frederic Stevenson, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Dina Carter Ishler, *Deacon, Officiant and Preacher*

Tina Schlegel, *Organist*, and St. Matthew's Choir

Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*

Roy Casey, *Eucharistic Minister*

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, *Lector*

Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

VESTRY MEMBERS

Mary Ann Loftus *Senior Warden*

Roy Casey (2021-2023) *Junior Warden*

Cyn Reid (2020-2022, 2022-2024)\* *Clerk of the Vestry*

Nathan Blanchard (2021-2023); Martha Bohner (2022-2024)

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta (2021-2023); Carol Lamparter (2022-2024)

Pam Schlegel (2021-2023); Lynda Schlegel-Culver (2022-2024)

Fran Zartman (2020-2022, 2022-2024)\*

Charlie Schlegel *Senior Warden Emeritus*

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION IN 2022

Cyn Reid and Barb Sauter

(\* indicates that the person must wait one year before running for vestry again in the final year of election)

SEXTON Sharon Baney

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Stephen, Frances (Fran), Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Church of the Redeemer, Mike B., Noelle, Christian, Dennis, Sandy, Rich, Linda, Nathan K., Nancy, and Terry.

Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all the departed, especially Bryan and Alverna.

*(\* Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they can be added for the next upcoming Sunday.)*

### DONATIONS:

\*\*You can now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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**All tithes and offerings are greatly appreciated.**

*Mission statement: We are a community of welcoming Christian disciples worshipping in Sunbury and living the Gospel everywhere!*

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