

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 23, 2022 –8:00 a.m.
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

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 Lessons

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Lector: 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

Lector: Let us recite, in unison, Psalm 19.

- I **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.**
- IO **More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- II **By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.**

- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends?
cleans 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.**
- Glory 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.**

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Priest: 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People

Lector: God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; David and Kelly, our priests; for our parish staff, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the sick in body, mind, or spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, remembering especially Gene Ruth and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously bestowed upon us, hear the petitions and intercessions of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory (*Hymn 380, st. 3*)

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All: **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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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 et Benedictus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: 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,

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

Priest: 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 Peter 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Priest: 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.

Administration of the Sacrament

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While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open.

Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Priest: Let us pray.

All: **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

Priest: 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.**

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Please get a cup of coffee (with a lid!) from the narthex and return to your pew to engage with David and our Treasurer, Drew Gulick, in today's Invoke 30 conversation. We will conclude by 9:30 a.m. Thank you for continuing to wear your mask.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Cheryl Fowler, by Witt Fowler*

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presiding: The Rev. Kelly Carlson

Preaching: The Rev. David Hodges

Altar Guild: Connie Lohr

Lectors: Ann Babington, Bud Wilson

Ushers: Dick & Nancy Gulick

Counters: Bonnie Freeland, Jerry Freeland

PRAYER LIST

For the Faithful Departed: Dr. Gene Ruth.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Angela Birkeland, Virginie Brightman, Donna Brookman, Elizabeth Cawns, Elizabeth Clarke, Jim Corbett, Kathryn Dewein, Rylin Forde, Trey Kirtian, Guy Knapp, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Missy Moppins, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Jane St. John, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Karmen Selby, Kate Skinner, Julie Stephenson, Dan Weas, Scott Weaver, Dick Williams, Joey Wilson, Susie Yoder, and Helen Yount.

TODAY...

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US! – Whether you are worshipping from the nave or from home, we are glad you are with us to offer thanks and praise to God. Please review the updated COVID guidelines on the inside back cover of this bulletin. We all look forward to being able to ease precautions when the situation improves. In the meantime, even distanced, we will make it through this together!

INVOKE 30 – Stay after worship this morning (and again next week!) to engage with the Rev. David Hodges in conversations called “Invoke 30.” Don’t miss this chance to spend *just 30 minutes* talking about things that will be different from what you will hear in a sermon . . . different from what you might hear in any other setting at St. Peter’s.

Today: come listen to the financial presentation offered by David and St. Peter’s Treasurer, Drew Gulick, ask your questions, and offer your ideas, as our Annual Giving Campaign continues. Stretch your legs after the dismissal, grab a cup of coffee (with a lid!) from the narthex, and return to your pew to listen, share, engage, learn, and grow together.

THIS WEEK...

TUESDAY EVENING MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION – David Hodges looks forward to talking with you on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Connie Lohr. To RSVP, visit www.specstl.org/meaningful-conversations or contact Janet Rouse at 314-993-2306, ext. 102.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Join this group of early-rising scripture scholars every Friday at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. Find the link in Friday morning’s *News from the Rock*.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP – The Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this faithful group, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at (314) 614-4321.

ST. PETER’S RENEWAL OF MINISTRY CELEBRATION – Our Renewal of Ministry Celebration, when Bishop Johnson will join us to officially welcome David as the 16th Rector of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and ask God to bless our ministry together, is **this Saturday!** Please plan to join us, in person or online, on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Following the service (so long as the pandemic cooperates) the celebration will continue in the undercroft. To RSVP to attend in person, go to <http://specstl.org/news/st-peters-renewal-of-ministry/> or call the Church Office.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – Mark your calendar for St. Peter’s Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 6 (Commitment Sunday!) at 9:15 a.m.

JOINT EVENSONG SERVICE – The St. Peter’s Choir is delighted to be joining friends and colleagues at the Church of St. Michael and St. George (CSMSG) for the annual joint Choral Evensong service sung by our two choirs. This year’s service will be held on Sunday, February 6, at 5:00 p.m., at CSMSG (6345 Wydown Blvd) and will be led by the church’s Acting Director of Music, Nicholas Bideler. The service includes music by Charles Villiers Stanford, George Dyson (Evening Service in D), and Philip Stopford.

CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST. PETER’S – This traditional evening service of scripture, prayer, and music returns to St. Peter’s on Sunday, February 13 at 5:00 p.m. Music by Charles Wood, George Dyson (Evening Service in F), and Annabel Rooney. The Evensong series continues on the second Sunday of the month through April.

GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...

A DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITY – As the new year begins, our new diocesan convocation - the Emery Washington Convocation – is seeking a lay leader to serve in the role of Warden, alongside a clergy leader who will serve as Dean. Dean and Warden would work together to chair and guide the parishes of the Convocation in their joint efforts. **The deadline to submit nominations** (an email declaring an intent to run with bio statement and recent photo attached) **is tomorrow, January 24.** Nominations may be submitted to Aaron Rogers at aaron@trinitycwe.org. For more information, please speak to David or Kelly.

ST. PETER'S 2022 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our 2022 campaign is off to a great start, with \$491,395 given as of January 19! You should have received the campaign launch letter with a pledge card in the mail, and the campaign brochure is following close behind. Please review all the information, join in a Meaningful Conversation, attend the Financial Forum (information on both below), and prayerfully consider the support you can give to St. Peter's throughout the coming year. Then come celebrate God's blessings as the campaign concludes on the first Sunday in February!

JOIN IN A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION – Please join the Reverend David Hodges to reimagine how we share, serve, and celebrate as we begin St. Peter's next chapter! Small group gatherings will be held in parishioner homes and at St. Peter's Church during January and February. All are invited, but due to Covid restrictions, events are limited to ten participants. Therefore, a reservation is required. Please plan to attend one of the remaining events – perhaps even this afternoon!:

- **TODAY** at 12:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. - Hosted at the home of Connie Lohr
- Thursday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. - Hosted at the home of Mydie and John Sant

Visit www.speestl.org/meaningful-conversations to RSVP, or contact Janet Rouse at 314-993-2306, ext. 102. In case of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, events will be held on Zoom. We respectfully request that participants be vaccinated. You will receive an email confirming your attendance and providing additional details.

ATTEND THIS MORNING'S FINANCIAL FORUM - No need to leave your pew to learn more about the budget and this year's campaign – the presentation will be the Invoke 30 offering following each worship service. Grab a cup of coffee (with a lid!) from the narthex and learn about financial plans for 2022.

CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSINGS ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY - February 6 is Commitment Sunday. Please return your pledge card by this Sunday so that it may be included in a special blessing at each worship service.

The Annual Giving Campaign provides the financial foundation for every ministry of St. Peter's Church. Thank you for your generosity!