

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2010

8:00 am

HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite I

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
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THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation (standing)

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Song of Isaiah

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, **
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
*For behold, darkness covers the land; **
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
*But over you the Lord will rise, **
and his glory will appear upon you.
*Nations will stream to your light, **
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
*Your gates will always be open; **
by day or night they will never be shut.
*They will call you, The City of the Lord, **
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
*Violence will no more be heard in your land, **
ruin or destruction within your borders.
*You will call your walls, Salvation, **
and all your portals, Praise.
*The sun will no more be your light by day; **
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
*The Lord will be your everlasting light, **
and your God will be your glory.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

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

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

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild

Carol & John Jensen, Bobbe Duquette, Brenda Donnelly, Jackie Clattenburg

Ushers

Bill Sanger & Tom Rust

Greeters

Pat Rhoads

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Wisnel Dejardin, Peter Doddema, Ralph Tildon & Mike Maser

The Comfortable Words

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offertory

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,

and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 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. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And 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 when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Who can tell how often he offends?
* cleanse me from my secret faults.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

1 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

Reader The Word of the Lord.

The Sermon

Mr. Peter Doddema, Seminarian

Nicene Creed

***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.***

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Prayers of the People

Reader: *Let us pray.*

Blessed Jesus, Healer and Redeemer, we pray for the world, for all who suffer from poverty, disease, tyranny, war, and natural disasters: and at this time especially for our neighbors in Haiti, for Wisnel, our seminarian, his family and friends.

Giver of Life, we pray to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Son of God, Prince of Peace, we pray for community, state, and national leaders, and for the people they serve; grant us wisdom, a passion for peace, the determination to help the poor and oppressed, and the will to preserve the earth.

Savior of the World, we pray to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World, we pray for the Church; inspire and guide us, help us to be compassionate, generous, brave, bold, and true in our service and witness to you.

Lord and Master, we pray to you.

Miracle Worker, Friend of the Forsaken, we pray for people who are alone and lonely, homeless, in prison, addicted, abusing and abused, and who suffer from mental torment.

Merciful Messiah, we pray to you.

Bread of Life, Hope of the World, we thank you for opening Heaven’s doors to all people; we remember individuals we love who have died - especially Wisnel’s brother, Franck DeJardin, and we pray for those who are dying now.

Lamb of God, we pray to you.

Kingdom’s King, Bestower of Blessings, we give you thanks and praise for your gracious providence, for the innumerable gifts you continually present to us, for promises beyond our wildest dreams.

Gracious One, Sovereign of the Universe, we pray to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Holy Promised and Anointed Christ, we celebrate your presence in the world.

Living Water, Cup of Salvation, we pray to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Blessed Christ, dwell in us as you did in Mary. Transform us with your love. Perfect our worship, witness, and service. **That love, peace, hope, faith, and joy may spread throughout the world. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Minister and People:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***