

# The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

**January 23, 10:30am**

**Worship: Online & In-Person**

*We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to **respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.*

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- New       Looking for a Church Community       Visiting
- Interested in Music Ministries       Interested in Children/Youth Ministry
- Interested in getting coffee/tea/whatever with the Rector (Fr. Nic)
- Interested in receiving the weekly Rector's Notes email

The Hymnal 1982 - #126 The people who in darkness walked



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,  
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;



1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.  
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.  
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.



Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7

Music: Dundee, melody *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

*St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!*



***(All Stand)***

## **OPENING HYMN**

Blessed are you, holy, and living One.

**You come to your people and set them free.**

Heavenly God, we invite your presence now to go with the children of our community as they seek to learn about the stories of our faith and lead them to a deeper understanding of your presence in their lives, that they may come back to us once more to share in what they've learned and open our eyes anew to you, through your Son Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).*

## **Song of Praise & Children's Procession**

Voices Found - #156 Arise and shine

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;  
 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,  
 3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.  
 as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.  
 nor moon by night, to light - ing's your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,  
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,  
 God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.  
 in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.  
 will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

Words: Patricia B. Clark, para. The Third Song of Isaiah © Gemini Press International.  
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 Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875,  
 after James Turle (1802-1882).

## **The Collect for the Day**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*(Please be seated)*

A Reading from **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. 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 19**

- 1 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.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse 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.**

## A Reading from **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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*(All Stand)*



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Luke 4:14-21**  
**Glory to you, O God.**

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."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Rev. Michael Wright

**Nicene Creed (*Standing*)**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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:**

*Presider* Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

*Reader* As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We especially pray for David Hughey, Lynne Sathe, Gretchen Moore, Larry Riley, Robert Ringo, Roy Bauer Jr., Harriet Byrnes, Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sins (*Standing or Kneeling/Sitting*)**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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collection plate either on your mobile device at [sslv.org/give](https://sslv.org/give) . You may also  
mail your pledge to the office: 1428 22nd Ave.***

## **Presentation Anthem**

**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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2 (*Standing*)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## SANCTUS

*The Sanctus acclamation is sung to conclude the introduction to the eucharistic prayer.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

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### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

### Fraction

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #154 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You are now invited to receive communion, releasing pew-by-pew according to the direction of the usher. Communion will be offered through the dipping of the wafer into the wine and then placed onto your outstretched hands. You may consume communion as you return to your seat or kneel at the altar rail for a moment of personal prayer before returning to your seat.*

*Those attending via live-stream are invited to offer the following prayer at home during this time:*

*A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist*  
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**Postcommunion Prayer (*Standing or Kneeling/Sitting*)**

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

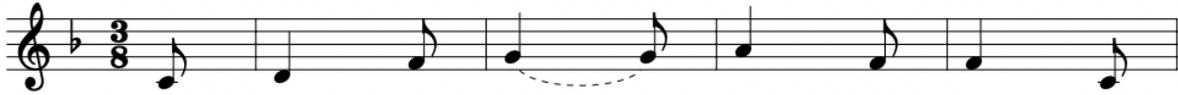
Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**(*Standing*)**

Go in Peace, to Love and Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Good News

## Verses



1. When Je - sus worked here on earth he  
2. The eld - ers of the syn - a - gogue were  
3. The way he lived was proof of it: he  
4. So pass it on to - day, good friend: the



preached in his home - town, I - sa - iah's hopes  
shocked by Mar - y's son, That he was des -  
qui - et - ed our strife. The cross it - self he  
mes - sage is the same. De - liv - 'rance Christ a -



now ful - filled, those claims of great re - nown.  
tined to be the Christ for ev - 'ry - one.  
would not flee e'en though it cost his life.  
lone can give, for this to earth he came.

## Refrain



To bring good news to the need - y, to make the



blind to see, the bro - ken hearts healed a - gain, to



set the cap - tive free. cap - tive free.

a meditation  
on light:  
evensong for  
the season  
after epiphany

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