



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, Rector
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, Associate Rector

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, Associate Rector

Childcare is available in the nursery

PRELUDE Air

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 126

The people who in darkness walked

Dundee

THE ACCLAMATION

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, 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Surge, Illuminare* (from *Voices Found*)

1. A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang; your light has
2. God's ris - ing sun will light the way, as peo - ple
3. You will not need the sun by day nor moon by
come, the mes - sage rang. The shroud of dark - ness
stream to dawn - ing's ray. Your o - pen gates will
night, to light your way; God's glo - ry and e -
stripped a - way, God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
nev - er close, in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
ter - nal might will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return in time for communion.

PSALM 27:1, 5-13 (sung by all)



- 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 SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing

HYMN



1. Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing it was
 2. Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and deep as
 3. Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own ho - li -
 4. God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and hon - or

done; for cre - a - ted light we thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons
 death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing
 ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con -
 be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten, praise be sung e - ter - nal -

run; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost
 breath: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost
 fess: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost
 - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light Re - veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to

send! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 send! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 send! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 thee; mor - tals, an - gels, now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

Words: Martin H. Franzman

Music: *Evangeline*, Ray Urwin

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

The people stand and say

THE 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.

The People stand or kneel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creating God, you have made us in your image that we might reflect your glory, hear us now as we say, God of light and life, hear our prayer.

Leader God of light and life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The people kneel and say

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is my light, the refuge of my life and my salvation; of whom then shall I be afraid?
If I take the wings of the morning, or go up into heaven, your right hand will hold me.
In the shadow of your wings I will rejoice and bless your holy Name;
And I will sing of your Glory, O Lord my strength, as long as I live.

Words: from Psalm 27, 139, 63
Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... 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 S125

Richard Proulx

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

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember Christ's death.
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all... By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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They cast their nets in Galilee

Georgetown

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Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

St. Andrew

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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

THE CLOSING HYMN 527

Singing songs of expectation

Tony-Botel

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and all faith leaders before and since who have preached truth to power

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Richard Briggs

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Kate Ballard, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, David Caleb,
Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Diane, Carol Quesenberry,
Mary Ellen Freesland, Bill Nelson, Chris McLaughlin, Linda Hoekstra, Peggy Boeneke, Mary Jane Penzo,
Tyger Latham, Kathleen McCulloch, Joe Nader, Murat Omay, Kathie Nelson, the Rev. Bruce Stewart,
Rick Newcomb, Mike Hodges, Zane Hassan, Gary Wright

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