

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
January 26, 2025

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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Pastorale (Orgelstücke, Op. 59, Heft 1)*

Max Reger (1873-1916)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn 616:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*


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

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

*People* **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.**

**Canticle of Praise:** *The Third Song of Isaiah*

*Refrain*



A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his  
glo - ry is up - on you.

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**. *Refrain*

But over you the Lord shall **rise**, \*  
and his glory will appear **upon you**.  
Nations will stream to your **light**, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your **dawning**. *Refrain*

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**. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your **land**, \*  
ruin or destruction within your **borders**.  
Your 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**. *Refrain*

**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 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. 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**



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

**ALL** One day tells its **tale** to an **other**, \*  
and one night imparts **knowledge** to an **other**.

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

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

*Choir* 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**.

**ALL** It goes forth from the **utmost** edge of the **heavens**  
and runs about to the **end** of it **again**; \*  
nothing is **hidden** from its **burning** **heat**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Second Lesson:** *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.**

**Sequence Hymn 632:** *O Christ the Word Incarnate*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**The Gospel:** *Luke 4:14-21*

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 Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**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 Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel*

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need. *A brief silence* God of all, you gather us into the body of Christ. Help us honor one another's gifts and work together to realize your vision for humankind.

*People* **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you fill the world with wonder. Help us to be good stewards of your handiwork. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of love, you give value to each of us; not one of us is more or less important in your sight. Help us to see one another through your eyes. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of plenty, your world is full of abundance, yet too many go without. Help us to share with those for whom nothing is prepared. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of peace, you call all nations and people to live together in harmony. We pray for those impacted by war and violence around the globe. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of healing, you proclaim liberty to all those who suffer. Help us be a presence of comfort to those who are oppressed by illness, poverty, or any kind of adversity, remembering especially those on our prayer list and those whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Surround them with your healing presence and restore them to wholeness and health. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, we commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially Sara Parker Floyd and John Polonchek, in whose memory the flowers are given today; and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant to them eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of all, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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

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

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

**Offertory Anthem:** *Behold, O God our Defender* Herbert Howells(1892-1983)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

**Children's Entrance Hymn 533: How Wondrous and Great**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.*

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*People* **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.*

*Celebrant* By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

**Fraction Anthem:** *Christ our Passover*

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.

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn 321: My God Thy Table**

**Communion Hymn 577: God is Love**

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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**

**Closing Hymn 537: Christ for the World we Sing**

**Dismissal**

*The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.*

*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude:** *6 Canonic Etudes, Op. 56*

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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Oliver Steissberg, Organ