



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 26, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.
MORNING PRAYER

HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

Please stand as you are able

Officiant May God be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10,11*

HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

H82 #488

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept. Please sit or kneel.*

All **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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Please stand as you are able

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People **And your glory all the day long.**
All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

VENITE

Psalms 95:1-7

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

All **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PSALM 19

Caeli enarrant

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One 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.

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated for the lessons, and stand as you are able for the canticles

THE FIRST LESSON

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

A Reading from the Prophet Nehemiah.

¹ all the people 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.**

CANTICLE C

The Song of Hannah

1 Samuel 2:1-8

Officiant My heart exults in you, O God; my triumph song is lifted in you.

All **My mouth derides my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the weak are clothed in strength.

Those once full now labor for bread, those who hungered now are well fed.

The childless woman has borne sevenfold, while the mother of many is forlorn.

God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.

God raises the poor from the dust; and lifts the
needy from the ash heap
To make them sit with the rulers and inherit a place
of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are God's on which the
whole earth is founded.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

¹² For 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ 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.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ 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; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE K

A Song of Our Adoption

Ephesians 1:3-10

Officiant Blessed are you, the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

All **Before the world was made, you chose us
to be yours in Christ, that we should be holy and
blameless before you.**

**You destined us for adoption as your children
through Jesus Christ, according to the good
pleasure of your will,**

**To the praise of your glorious grace, that you have
freely given us in the Beloved.**

**In you, we have redemption through the blood of
Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,**

**According to the riches of your grace which you
have lavished upon us.**

**You have made known to us, in all wisdom and
insight, the mystery of your will,**

**According to your good pleasure which you set forth
in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, things in
heaven and things on earth.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.**

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “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, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ 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. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Please stand as you are able

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third**

**day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN

Amazing Grace

Please stand as you are able

LEVAS #181

THE PRAYERS

Please remain standing

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

SUFFRAGES B

all seated or kneeling

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's Church, Boston; Trinity Church, Boston; the B-SAFE and B-PEACE for Jorge programs. For our city and neighborhood, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray together. For those dear to us who have sought our prayers this morning Chris, Alexis, Marilyn, Marcia, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and for those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*).

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

Christ for the world we sing!

H82 #537

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21

POSTLUDE
