

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23rd, 2022

PRELUDE.....Ann Klein, Music Director

THE ANGELUS

The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.

The first three bells



V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.

The second three bells

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The third three bells

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelled among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The nine bells



V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.....*Hail to the Lord's anointed*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Officiant 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 (from *Casa del Sol Morning Prayer*, David Poole)

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "A - wake, a - wake, your light has come. A -". The bottom staff is a guitar accompaniment line with chords G, D, C, D, and e m. The lyrics are: "wake, a - wake, — my soul, O my soul. ————— A".

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 READING.....*Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10*

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)*Psalm 19:1-4, 7-11, 14*

- 1 The heavens declare your glory, O | **God**, *
and the firmament shows your | **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to a|**nother**, *
and one night imparts knowledge to a|**nother**.
- 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**.
- 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the | **soul**; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the | **innocent**.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the | **heart**; *
your commandment is clear and gives light to the | **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for | **ever**; *
your judgments are true and righteous alto|**gether**.
- 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 en|**lightened**, *
and in keeping them there is great re|**ward**.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your | **sight**, *
O God, my strength and my re|**deemer**.

THE EPISTLE.....*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

A Reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION



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THE GOSPEL..... *Luke 4:14-21*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON.....The Rev. Matthew Wright

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from All Desires Known by Janet Morley*)

O God, the source of our being
and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.
The whole earth is alive with your glory,
and all that has life is sustained by you.
We commit ourselves to cherish your world,
and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life
we believe and trust in you.
Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,
and welcomed as your friends
those of no account.
Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.
You laboured with us upon the cross,
and have brought us forth
to the hope of resurrection.
We commit ourselves to struggle against evil,
and to choose life.

O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth,
we believe and trust in you.
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,
we commit ourselves to work with you
and renew our world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Allen, and Mary, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and for those on our Parish Prayer List Gini, Lorraine, Lynn, Dee Michelle, Greta, Pat, Wendy, Michelle, Pamela, Jacqui, Deb, Angela, Robert, Alex & Kaela, Gary & Marge, Lorraine, Phyllis, Barbara, Trevor, Bill, James, Charlotte, Bob, Olive, Doris & Charles, Linda, Caleb Francis, Ford, Chris, Paul, Alexia, Mathew, Lili, Zachary, Heather, Ilfra, Anna & Emmett, Tress, Amy, & Chloe Rose and for any others we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our Maker;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for Bruce, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant invites all to join in saying the Lord's Prayer with these or similar words

Let us offer these prayers from our hearts into God's Heart, as we pray in the words our Lord Jesus has taught us.

Celebrant and People

**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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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 Priest says

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 Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.

OFFERTORY CHANT

You are be - loved for God is love, You are be -
- loved of God. You are be - loved for
God is love, for God is love.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven 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.

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, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when

he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Longing now to gather again at your table and to share the meal he shared with us, we pray in union with all your Church:

All join the Celebrant in praying

O Lord, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered for the sake of the world, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you now ourselves, our souls and bodies, with the desire that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts; cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. Amen.

A brief silence follows.

THE BLESSING.....The Rev. Susan Auchincloss

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....*We are all on one mission*
(see following page)



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**