



**Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church  
131 Church Road  
Spruce Grove Alberta  
  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, January 23rd, 2022  
  
*Rector: The Very Rev. Neil Gordon*  
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**We Are One in the Spirit (Pre-Service Hymn)**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Will work with each other,  
we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each other's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed - CP 101**

Hail to the Lord's anointed, - great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, - his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, - to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, - and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers - upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, - spring in his path to birth.

Before him on the mountains - shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains - from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, - he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, - all-blessing and all-best.  
The tide of time shall never - his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever: - that name to us is Love.

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*People* to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.

## **Glory to God**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*People* and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,

**Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* Please join me in today's Collect,  
All: **Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading (Winnie)**

#### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH**

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. 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 worshipped 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.

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

### **PSALM 19C**

*Through the witness of creation, through the glory of the Word,  
you show the way to the kingdom of light, you show the way to eternal life.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God  
has pitched a tent for the sun.  
It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edges of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

*Through the witness of creation, through the glory of the Word,  
you show the way to the kingdom of light, you show the way to eternal life.*

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and  
gives wisdom to the simple.  
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and  
gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgements of the Lord are true and  
righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than  
honey in the comb.  
By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

*Through the witness of creation, through the glory of the Word,  
you show the way to the kingdom of light, you show the way to eternal life.*

Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
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.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,  
my strength and my redeemer.

*Through the witness of creation, through the glory of the Word,  
you show the way to the kingdom of light, you show the way to eternal life.*

## **Second Reading (Betty)**

### **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER 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 honourable we clothe with greater honour, 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 honour 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 honoured, 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.

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

### **Lord, Be Thy Word My Guide - CP 480**

Lord, be thy word my guide; - in it may I rejoice:  
thy glory be my aim, - thy holy will my choice,

thy promises my hope, - thy providence my guard,  
thine arm my strong support, - thyself my great reward.

## **Gospel**

*Reader* THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

Then 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 favour." 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 Christ.

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

# **Sermon**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

### **The Apostle's Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People (Elizabeth - presented by Ian)**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant invites people to confession in these are similar words*

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*The officiant and people say together,*

**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 neighbours 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 says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

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

### **All Beautiful the March of Days - CP 427**

All beautiful the march of days - as seasons come and go;  
the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought - the crystal of the snow,  
hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, - the flowing waters sealed,  
and laid a silent loveliness - on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses, sparkling pure, - the radiant morns unfold;  
the solemn splendours of the night - burn brighter through the cold;  
life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth,  
and clearer sounds the angel hymn, - "Good will and peace on earth."

O thou, from whose unfathomed law - the year in beauty flows,  
thyself the vision passing by - in crystal and in rose;  
day unto day doth utter speech, - and night to night proclaim  
in ever-changing words of light - the wonder of thy name.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant:* Please join me in the prayer over the gifts,

*All:* Loving God,

**before the world began you called us.**

**Make holy all we offer you this day,**

**and strengthen us in that calling.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise...

*Celebrant* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, ...All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

*People* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### **One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All - CP 73**

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless -  
and we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

*One bread, one body...*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

*One bread, one body...*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.

*One bread, one body...*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Please join with me in the prayer after communion.

*All:* Gracious God,  
our hands have taken holy things;  
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.  
May we who have eaten at this holy table  
be strengthened for service in your world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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

## **The Blessing**

### **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending - CP 601**

God, whose giving knows no ending, - from your rich and endless store-  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, - costly cross, grave's shattered door-  
gifted by you, we turn to you, - offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, - gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing - toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, - races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labour, - lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants - fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, - gain through powers your grace conferred,  
ours to use for home and kindred, - and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, - as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, - serving you by loving all.

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

***Please remember in your prayers this week:***

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Father Neil, Rev. John and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Primate of Anglican Church of Canada: the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Archbishop. St. Faith, Edmonton: Travis Enright, Rector; Adenike Yesufu, Sandra Arbeau, Vocational Deacons; Linda Whittle, Honorary Assistant; Arthur Dyck, Honorary Vocational Deacon. The Diocese of Buyé Mothers' Union: Clotilde Muhimpundu, MU President; Bibiane Nsengiyumva, Chaplain; Josephine Kezakimana and Clementine Ujeneza, Trainers. Frog Lake First Nation.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.
- We pray for the sick, the bereaved and those with special needs, especially remembering Bill, George & Doreen, Margaret, Stephen, Bud, Vicki, Maxine, Lauren, Lee, Jen & Matt, Amy, and Charles.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Amanda, Marie, Sharron & Robert, Bonnie, Jim & Lorraine; and their families.