



*You are the body of Christ!
Each one of you is a part of it.*

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

together, we make the Body of Christ, but we are more inclined to act alone. Apart: one may see, but may not hear. We confess that we have not always cared for one another. We confess that we have belittled our own expressions of faithfulness in light of another's. Strengthen us in who you have created us to be so that we may function as the Body of Christ in this world. Amen. (Rev. Kathleen Henrion)

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord"

Chorus

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You*

Verse

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, I want to see You

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GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *Ezra leads the law of Moses before the people*

PSALM: Psalm 19 [read responsively]

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

² **One 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, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵ 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 teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

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 forever;
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 detect one's own offenses? 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.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a *You are the body of Christ*

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21 *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace,* **C: hear our prayer.**

Joann Bartleson

Doris Johnson

Tim Schmidt

Liam Bartleson

Karen Kofron

Joan Swanson

Hayden Despenas

Mercedes

Lucky Truong

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always.* **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

#310 (vs. 1,4)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Parts of the Body”**

Chorus

We are the parts of a body, every person belonging.

All of us just as important as the other one. (repeat)

Verse 1

How can the eye say to the hand, “You’re not needed! You’re not needed!”!

How can the head say to the feet, “You’re not needed! You’re not needed!”?

Pre-chorus

I need you, you need me, let’s be who we’re made to be,

Ev’rybody diff’reent with a special part to play.

Verse 2

How would we look if we all were a foot? Just imagine, just imagine!

Where would we be if we all were a knee? Just imagine, just imagine!

Verse 3

Why should the ear say to the mouth, “I’m not worthy! I’m not worthy!”?

Why should the nose say to the lips, “I’m not worthy! I’m not worthy!”?

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BLESSING / DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**