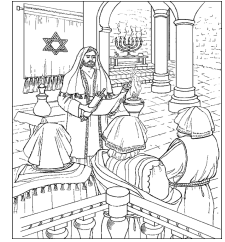


# Welcome to Christ Church

## January 24, 2016

### Epiphany 3



*Service Notes:* The 8 a.m. service readings are found in this leaflet. The service is on page 323. Hymns with Jim Dehls and Dennis Patton: **409, 531, 537**. The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet. **Songs** are in the large folders. **Prayer List** is on the stand. **Welcome materials** are on the back table. (Participants list is now in the Announcements)

#### 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Music Eucharist

##### Prelude (before the service begins)

##### Opening Song (in the large folder in each pew)

Leader: We wait for your loving-kindness, O God

People: **In the midst of your temple.**

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness

People: **that we may enter and give thanks to God**

Leader: God is the One who has shown us light.

People: **Let us offer in this dwelling an oblation of great gladness.**

**Gloria** (sung together) **Glory to God in the highest, 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.**

Leader: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: 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**

##### **A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah (1:4-10)** (all may be seated)

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 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.**

**Psalm 19:1-10**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \* *and the firmament shows his 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.*
- 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.*

**A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (12:12–31)**

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.**

**Gradual Song** (sung in it's entirely before the Gospel)

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 4:14-21** (People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ** (8: *Glory be to thee, O Lord*))

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** (8: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*)

**Message...**

**Prayers of the People** (*people respond with bold type*)

We pray fervently this morning, Lord, for your Church—that we may delight in our mission and hear the voices of those who need both within and without our doors. We ask that you guide and strengthen our ministers, ordained to the priesthood of all believers.

We pray for our country, our president, and all the leaders of the world. Show us that our care for the human family begins in our own neighborhood: waiting in the doctor's office or standing in the grocery line. May we be reminded of the many ways we participate in the larger world.

In the astonishing inclusiveness of your holy name,

**May we love our neighbors as you love us.**

When you assigned the sea its limit and made a circle on the fountains of the deep, you held wisdom's hand. You rejoiced with her in your inhabited world. Please help us, Lord, to stanch the bleeding of our earth. Move us from helplessness into a sense of purpose so that we can heal her wounds. May we honor the work of your fingers, knowing that everything we touch is sacred.

In your unending forgiveness,

**We call out with tender hearts.**

Knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope, remind us that you are with us even in the darkness of illness and pain. Assure us yet again that we are not alone. We pray for those in our midst who are suffering, trusting that you are laying your hands upon them, even as we speak. In silence or aloud, we pray for those who struggle.

*We pray especially for..... (intercessions list)*

*We pray for all in harm's way this day... those in our armed forces, but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Colin, Tim and Jay*

In the white flame of your strength,

**Lord, give us mercy and hope always.**

We pray for those who are no longer with us. We, too, hope to follow them when we come our end. Our Lord promised that in his Father's house there are many mansions. Therefore, we look forward to that reunion when all will be woven together, all that is part will be whole again. In silence or aloud, we pray for those who have gone before us.

*We pray for.... (intercessions list)*

With all the things the Spirit has yet to tell us,

**We await the fullness of life, three-part God.**

O God, we shower you with thanks. Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens. We sing with gratitude for our laughter, our bounty, our healing, our love, and all the joys that dapple our daily path. Both silently and aloud, we praise you for our blessings.

*We pray for those celebrating birthdays... Marsha Sokoloski, Edwin Sheldon*

*We pray for those celebrating anniversaries...*

Glory be to you, O God,

**We praise you and exalt you this day.**

*Celebrant* : O God, Eternal – Creator, Child, and Spirit— keep us steadfast in your holy mystery despite our blindness; give us some of your vision so that we may see that you love us, that you are with us, and because of Jesus your grace is draped upon us all. **Amen.**

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

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

**Offertory Song** (*the ushers pass the collection plates*)

**380 Offertory Presentation** (verse 3 only) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## Prayers over the Bread and Wine (EOW Form 1)

*Minister* The Lord be with you.

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

*Minister* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Minister* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Together Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven.....**

**Fraction Anthem** *One Body* (in the back of music folder) (*song is a call and response*)

**We are one (we are one), one body (one body), many parts (many parts), one body (one body). God has made (God has made), one body (one body), all of us (all of us), one body (one body). So it is with Christ, (one body), each one has a place, (one body). Each must do their part, (one body), Together we will be, (one body)... O.... O... We are one.**

**Children's Entrance Song**

**Communion Songs** All persons are invited to the altar rail. All baptized may receive a communion.

**Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together

*Celebrant and People:* God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Blessing, Announcements and Recessional Song**