



Service of
HOLY COMMUNION
Renewed Ancient Text

Epiphany 3 – Year B
January 24, 2021

Processional Hymn #550 [1982 Hymnal]
All Standing

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,
People **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People pray

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then follows the Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and People pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. *or*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Gloria or some other song of praise may be sung or said, all standing.

The Gloria S280 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

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.**

Collect Hymn #470 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE LESSONS

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

¹⁹ “I said,

How I would set you among my sons, and give you a pleasant land,
a heritage most beautiful of all nations.

And I thought you would call me, My Father,
and would not turn from following me.

²⁰ Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband,
so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel, declares the LORD.”

²¹ A voice on the bare heights is heard,
the weeping and pleading of Israel's sons
because they have perverted their way;
they have forgotten the LORD their God.

²² “Return, O faithless sons;
I will heal your faithlessness.”

“Behold, we come to you,
for you are the LORD our God.

²³ Truly the hills are a delusion,
the orgies on the mountains.
Truly in the LORD our God
is the salvation of Israel.

²⁴ “But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our fathers labored, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵ Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.”

4 “If you return, O Israel,
declares the LORD,
to me you should return.
If you remove your detestable things from my presence,
and do not waver,
² and if you swear, ‘As the LORD lives,’
in truth, in justice, and in righteousness,
then nations shall bless themselves in him,
and in him shall they glory.”

³ For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem:

“Break up your fallow ground,
and sow not among thorns.
⁴ Circumcise yourselves to the LORD;
remove the foreskin of your hearts,
O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem;
lest my wrath go forth like fire,
and burn with none to quench it,
because of the evil of your deeds.” — *Jeremiah 3:19-4:4*

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| <i>Lector</i> | <i>The Word of the Lord</i> |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God |

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

² **O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ **my soul waits for the Lord**
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
⁸ **And he will redeem Israel**
from all his iniquities.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God. -1 Corinthians 7:17-24

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

Gradual Hymn #596 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. -Mark 1:14-20

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

THE SERMON
The Rev. Marc Steele

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley Beach., our Archbishop, and Julian Dobbs, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word and St. George’s Anglican Church. Today, in our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd in Catonsville, Maryland, The Rev. Canon Martin Eppard, The Rev. Jon Jackson, Deacon Jeffery Hunt and for Church Administrators and Staff.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those celebrating their birthday this week.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially our President, Joseph and our Governor, Phil.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially Chris & Erin and Baby, John, Kaitlyn & Aaron and Baby, Mario and Family, Eva, Rio & Babies, Larry, Joanne, Irene and Family, Sherry, Dawn, Robyn, Renee, Ellen, Christine and Family, Shane, Marie, Jon and Valerie.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

The people may now add their own prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Celebrant concludes

Heavenly Father grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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 Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,
People **And of your own have we given you.**

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

Offertory Hymn “Blessed Assurance” - Fanny Crosby/ Phoebe Knapp
All Standing

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood!**

Refrain
**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight!
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Ref.***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Ref.***

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THE SURSUM CORDA

The People stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Sanctus S125 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together 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.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn #662 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #699 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Thanksgiving by Kathryn Hackett-Fields

REMEMBERING OUR PARISH HOMEBOUND

Eva Stout

Rose Morgan

Elsie Samuelson

Al Tosi

Smitty and Tina Smith

Stan Greaves, Jr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday Epiphany 3

9:00 AM Holy Communion [Church and Live Stream]

Tuesday

10:00 AM Food Pantry [by appointment]

Wednesday

10:00 AM Ladies' Coffee Connect [online]

7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Church]

Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 PM Food Pantry [by appointment]

5:00 PM Music Practice [Church]

6:00 PM Ladies' Coffee Connect [online]

Friday

8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous [EH]

Saturday

8:00 AM St. Mary and St. Timothy Worship

1:00 PM Music Practice

5:00 PM St. Mary and St. Timothy Worship

****Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2021****



Announcements

For the week of January 24, 2021

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 21, 2021. All ministry leads are requested to submit their reports to the parish office via email **THIS WEEK**.

Flowers on the Altar

We have openings for Flowers on the Altar for next Sunday, January 31st. If you would like to give flowers to the Glory of God in memory of a lost loved one or in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings, please see Cindy Weiler or contact the Parish Office.

We are Grateful for Your Tithes and Offerings

- Use your bank's online bill payment feature. The check will be mailed to St. George's.
- Mail a check to church
- Access St. George's website and select "Contribute." *Note there is a 2.8% fee imposed by PayPal. The church will receive \$97.20 from a donation of \$100.*

Boiler Replacement

For the last few years, the professionals have told us to replace the 50+ year-old boiler that heats the church undercroft (Parish offices, conference rooms, New Life Food Pantry, restrooms). We are heeding their advice and have contracted to have the boiler replaced. As a capital expense, this is not part of the 2021 operating budget. We are in the process of applying for a grant to partially defray the cost. If the Holy Spirit leads you to donate for the boiler replacement, please write "property" on the lower right-hand corner of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

We are Here for You!

Please do not hesitate to call or email your Vestry contact or the Parish Office with any needs. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM or you may email office@helmettachurch.com; if there is anything we can do to support you. Please continue to practice health safety. God hears your prayers from everywhere. Your Vestry and parish staff are praying for you.

Master the Mortgage – Next Sunday

The final Sunday of each month is designated as "Master the Mortgage Sunday." Please use either your offering envelope with "mortgage" written on the back of it or the green-edged Mortgage Fund envelope [be sure to add your name or envelope number].

You may also mail in your donation to the Parish Office (56 Main Street, Helmetta, NJ 08828), or process an electronic payment through your bank's online bill payment system or use the donation link on our website: www.helmettachurch.com.

New Life Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open [except as announced] Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment for anyone in need. Please contact the Parish Office at 732.521.0169 to make an appointment. Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who help us serve nearly 90 families each week. Parishioners who are in need of food may contact the parish office any time between Monday – Thursday from 9 AM – 2 PM.

COVID 19 NJ Resources

New Jersey is rolling out COVID-19 vaccines step-by-step to serve all adults who live, work, or are being educated in the state.

The State's goal is to vaccinate 70 percent of the adult population – or 4.7 million adults – within six months. While the State's current plan is highlighted below, the plan will continually be updated in response to the changing circumstances of the pandemic.

As of January 14, 2021, the following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

- **Paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in a healthcare setting**
- **Residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings**
- **Frontline first responders**
- **Persons aged 65 and older**

Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:

- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
- Immunocompromised due to organ transplant (consult your doctor)

These groups can start making vaccination appointments. More groups will become eligible in the coming weeks.

- Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m² or higher)
- Pregnancy (consult with your doctor)
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

For information on where, when and how you can get vaccinated please visit:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/slowing-the-spread/where-how-and-when-can-i-get-vaccinated>

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

