

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 26, 2025**



**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**  
**Camden, Maine**

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Children are always welcome in the church.  
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn 630

Thanks be to God whose Word was spoken

*Wylde Green*

### Opening Acclamation

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## Gloria

① Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
② Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Children and chaplains come forward and are dismissed by the Celebrant for Children's Chapel after the Collect is said.*

## 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.*

## A Reading from the Book of the Nehemiah [8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10]

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 19**

- 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.
- 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 for ever; \*

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 tell how often he offends? \*  
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.

### **A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians [12:12-31a]**

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn 72**

Hark the glad sound

*Richmond*

## **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [4:14-21]**

*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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Paul Briggs

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## Postlude

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### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

**9:30 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Grayce Sivigny, Dean Jackson

Readers: Jeff Conrad, Gwen Prosser

Intercessor: Amy Frankel

Usher: Cheryl Reif, Cheryl White

### ***People in our Prayers***

**Healing:** Rebecca, Dana, Nancy Remchuk, Mya Delisle, Carlos, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Tony, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Leah, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Sandy, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R., Greg McDermott, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla

**January Birthdays:** Eric Gabrielsen (1/1), Ronan Popejoy (1/1), Grayce Sivigny (1/2), Edward Williamson (1/8), Thomas Pike (1/10), Robbie Lewis (1/11), Jan Conrad (1/18), Patricia Hopkins (1/20), Christine Zdrojeski (1/20), John Lewis (1/30)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** For St. Giles', Jefferson; and for our retired clergy, their spouses, and surviving spouses

### ***This Week at St. Thomas'***

#### **Sunday, January 26:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

Annual Meeting

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Wednesday, January 29:**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

#### **Saturday, February 1:**

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Vestry Retreat Day (*Guild Room/Parish Hall*)

#### **Sunday, February 2: Feast of the Presentation**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

5:00 p.m. Pizza Party for Young Families (*Parish Hall*)

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

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