



✠ Gathering of the Community ✠

WELCOME

OPENING COLLECT

Priest God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit, so that all people may be free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

ST. PETER

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

GREETING

Priest ✠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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest 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 *Music for Parish Communion*

MARTIN HOW

Schola 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Proper 3*

Priest 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.*

✠ **Proclamation of the Word** ✠

FIRST LESSON *Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

Lector 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. ²Accordingly, 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. ³He 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. ⁵And 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. ⁶Then 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. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 *Cæli enarrant*

Chant: THOMAS ATTWOOD WALMSLEY (1814-1856)

The heavens declare the glory of God :
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

- 2 One day telleth another :
and one night certifieth another.
- 3 There is neither speech nor language :
but their voices are heard among them.
- 4 Their sound is gone out into all lands :
and their words into the ends of the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun :
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the end of it again :
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul :
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart :
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever :
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold :
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught :
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth :
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me :
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart
be always acceptable in thy sight, :
O Lord my strength, and my redeemer.
- ✠Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 12.12–31a*

Lector 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. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body

that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

- 1 King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
- 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

GOSPEL *St. Luke 4.14-21*

Gospeler The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeler ✠✠✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“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, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” ²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to Christ our Lord.

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

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

People 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.

INTERCESSIONS

CONFESSION

Priest 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.

Priest Most merciful God,
People 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.

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

✠ Celebration of the Eucharist ✠

OFFERTORY HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

RICHMOND

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Proper 3*

Priest 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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest The Lord be with you;
People And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest

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.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

How

People

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.

Priest

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. ✠All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Incarnation*

Priest

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

People

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei*

MARRISON OXLEY (1933–2009)

INVITATION

Priest The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM *Teach me, O Lord*

WILLIAM BYRD (1538–1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken me in thy ways. O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Sun, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest All your works praise you, O Lord.
All ***And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL HYMN *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

DUKE STREET

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.**
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Leader Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
People **Thanks be to God.**