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Second Third after The Epiphany

January 23, 2022

Nativity Church *in*
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
of the Episcopal Church

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS, OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT

WEDNESDAY

10 AM Bible Study– “Walking with Luke” -
Live on Zoom

SUNDAY

9:00 Sunday Worship Service,
on Facebook LIVE Fellowship Hall

Annual Meeting:

Our 2021 Annual Meeting will be hosted on January 23 after the joint 9am worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome and Entering God's Presence

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour up on us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hearing God's Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant:

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.*

(Please be seated)

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

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, *

The Epistle

1 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 4:14-21

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

Sermon

(Please be seated)

Responding to God's Word

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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

(Please kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Celebrant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified by all people.

Celebrant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Celebrant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.

Celebrant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Celebrant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Celebrant: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand)

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

People: And also with you.

Parish Life Announcements

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: 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:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

People: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.)

All: **Almighty and ever living God, 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

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

PARISH PRAYERS

Week of January 16,2021

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its members and mission:

The Most Revd. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Episcopal Service Corps (ESC);

Episcopal City Mission, Boston

Ministry Development Grant Committee

FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, its members and its mission:

For the Rev. Chad McCabe, Karen and Ethan

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD:

Our nation, and all in authority.

Justice in our nation for people of all races and nations, particularly in all our cities.

For those serving in our armed forces: Dan Blair (Jackie's Son),

Eric Catalanotti, (Bruce and Kathy Reilly's nephew), Tanner Audia (Brad & Phyllis

Nutting's nephew), and Zach Loverin (Cindy Loverin's grandson),

Matt Heseck (Deb Heseck's son), and The Rev. Chad McCabe.

For those on the frontlines of the fight against the Covid 19.

Comfort for all those who are quarantined, alone and lonely, and for all those

suffering from depression. For all special needs children who are having a hard time

right now. For those who are struggling to make ends meet and those who are trying

to keep their businesses alive.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in any need or trouble:

Barbara Strom as she experiences health issues; Harriett Severance: Healing

Marilyn Perry; Healing; Deb Dwinell: Healing from cancer.

Bob Roche: healing from cancer Beckie Mangus: healing from cancer

Jackie Blair: Healing: Healing for Barbara and Charlie Dexter

Madaliso Labaj: Healing For safety, health, and strength for Karen Zacher's family,

including Cheyenne, Loreal, her grandsons, and her niece Mandy Johnson, who is a

doctor at UMASS Medical Center

For those who do not know Christ's love Peace for those who die alone and

for their families left behind

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

MEMBERS OF THE NATIVITY FAMILY:

Norma Brandt, Mary Brown, Jean Bruce-Wiegersma, Debbie Burke, Debbie and Glen Campbell, Linda and Tim Cassidy

FOR THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS:

Marilyn McCarthy, Bob Roche, Brendan Lynch, Allen Krause, Phyllis Nutting

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nativity Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of January 16, 2022

To be included in the Sunday bulletins, please send your News and Notes to Cherie at plante@churchofthenativity.org **by end of day on Mondays** at the latest.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK: SUNDAYS 10AM

STEWARDSHIP "Ignite Your Light" Pledge

We are still collecting pledge cards; if you have not yet filled your out, please do so. You can mail them or place them in the collection plate on Sunday Morning.

Annual Meeting:

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REMINDER: The church building is closed but business continues as usual. Please remember to send your pledges. You may also choose to pay online with PayPal or a credit card. Go to the "Give" page (top right menu) on our website, www.churchofthenativity.org

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Our Music Ministry Rachel Manley, Praise Band Director, Glen Campbell, Organist

Our Ministries

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| Acolytes | Cathy Terwedow |
| Altar Guild | Karen McCabe |
| Bread Baking | Karen Taylor and Lois Macek |
| Christian Formation Director | Open |
| Clerk (Vestry) | Cathy Terwedow |
| Community Meals | Kathy Reilly |
| Easter Egg Hunt | Deb Heseck |
| Fall Festival/Applefest | Open |
| Finance Committee | Open |
| Flower Guild | Theresa Hoberman |
| Funerals | Sue Roche |
| Healing Prayer | Betsy Hummel |
| Junior Warden | Howard Gelles |
| Kitchen | Open |
| Living Nativity | Bill Otto |
| Outreach | Bruce Reilly |
| Pledge Treasurer | Cathy Terwedow |
| Prayer Chain | Blanche Farrell |
| Prayer Shawl | Bette Ann Whynot |
| Reader/LEM/Coffee Host | Beckie Mangus, |
| Senior Luncheon | Priscilla Gagnon and Karen Taylor |
| Senior Warden | Deb Heseck |
| Simple Social | Becky Krebsbach and Mary Brown |
| Spiritual Direction | Betsy Hummel |
| Stewardship | Jeannie Hebert |
| Sunday School | Deb Heseck & Jenny Otto |
| Tech Team | Larry Engholm |
| Treasurer | Henry Terwedow |
| W.A.R.M. | Betsy Hummel |
| Welcome Team | Cathy Terwedow |
| Worcester Fellowship | Paula Hanson |
| Youth & Families Director | Open |

Our Vestry:

Rev. Chad McCabe, Deb Heseck (Senior Warden), Howie Gelles (Junior Warden), Cathy Terwedow (Clerk), Henry Terwedo (Treasurer), Debbie Burke, Janet Wilcox, Tom McDonald, Jeannie Hebert & Ted Flanagan.

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year C
2nd SUNDAY
after
EPIPHANY

The Church season we are now in is called EPIPHANY. "Epiphany" means "showing." When Jesus began his work, he showed two important things. By the wonderful, powerful things he said and did, he showed that he was the Messiah, the special leader chosen by God to bring his people new life. And since he was so full of God's power, the things he did showed what God is like!

JESUS AT THE WEDDING

John 2:1-11

JESUS WAS INVITED TO A WEDDING, ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER AND HIS FRIENDS!



GOOD HEALTH!
LONG LIFE TO THE
BRIDE AND GROOM!

HERE, SIR!
THIS IS THE
LAST OF THE
WINE!

OH, NO!



JESUS, THEY'VE RUN OUT OF WINE!
CAN YOU DO SOMETHING?

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
THE TIME ISN'T RIGHT YET!



DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU!

FILL THOSE BIG
JARS WITH
WATER! THEN
(JOHN 2:8)!



THE SERVANTS DID AS JESUS TOLD THEM!

LONG LIFE!

THIS IS
ABSOLUTELY
MARVELOUS WINE!
YOU'VE SAVED THE
BEST FOR LAST!

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By making the water into wine, Jesus showed that the same God who made the whole world was now in the world. He showed that when God comes into the world, he brings happiness and blessing. The Bible says that God's coming is like a wedding, because God loves us and makes us his own forever!

ISAIAH 62:5
"God will rejoice over you, like a bridegroom with his bride"

PSALM 36:8-10
"Lord, you let us drink from the river of your joy... keep on blessing your people forever"

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7
"God has shared his power and his love with each of us, in different ways"