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*How bright appears the Morning Star,
with mercy beaming from afar; the
host of heaven rejoices; O righteous
Branch, O Jesse's Rod! Thou Son of
Man and Son of God!*

We, too, will lift our voices:

Jesus, Jesus!

*Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw
thou near us; great Emmanuel,
come and hear us.*

*Though circled by the hosts on high,
he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature;*

*the whole creation's Head and
Lord, by highest seraphim adored,
assumed our very nature; Jesus,
grant us, through thy merit, to
inherit thy salvation; hear, O hear
our supplication.*

*Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth,
reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the
sky, for this his Incarnation.*

*Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,
till all know thy salvation.*

Amen, amen!

*Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be
given evermore, by earth and
heaven.*

Officiant

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness
of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together

***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.***

Officiant

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 Invitatory and Psalter

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All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.

Officiant and People

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.*
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.*
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.*
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.*
- 9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.*
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and
for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch. The
nations shall see your vindication, and all the
kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that
the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall
no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no
more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you, and
your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People
Thanks be to God.*

Canticle E

**A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother
with Jerusalem and be glad for her ***

Isaiah 66:10-14 Rejoice

*all you who love her,
Rejoice, rejoice with her, *
all you who mourn over her
That you may drink deeply with delight
* from her comforting breast. For
thus says our God, **

*“I will extend peace to her like a river, the
wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.*

*“You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and
you shall nestle in her lap.*

*“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; * you
shall be comforted in Jerusalem.*

*“You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.”*

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle K A Song of Our Adoption

Ephesians

1:3-10

*Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
* for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly places.*

*Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ,
* that we should be holy and blameless before you.*

*You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,
* according to the good pleasure of your will, To the praise of your
glorious grace, * that you have freely given us in the Beloved.*

*In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,*

*According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.*

*You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,*

*According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ,
* as a plan for the fullness of time, To gather together all
things in Christ, * things in heaven and things on earth.*

The Gospel

John 2: 1-11

A reading from the Gospel of John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,

"Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Mayer

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

*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.*

The Prayers

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The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

*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.*

Then follows this set of Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care; **R.**
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth; **R.**
Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God; **R.**
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

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Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Hymn

O Light of Light

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*O Light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus,
Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show, your
raiment whiter than the snow.*

*Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company; the
heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.*

*May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your
light. To you, the King of glory, now all
faithful hearts adoring bow.*

Deacon

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, “Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we see light.”

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity. We pray for the needs of our community: for those in the military, our first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Travis, Alexander, Jonathan, and Jacob, and their families. *Silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, ***In
your light we see light.***

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for all on our parish prayer list, and especially for Bishop-elect Paula, Barb, Julie, Georgianna, Suzi, Marilyn, Robby, Gail, Carole, Chuck, Norma, Pam, Bill, Ed, Susie, Marie, Steven, Michael, Barbara, Patrick, Annette, Daniel, Jessie, and Shawn. Are there others?

Invite the congregation to add their petitions.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, ***In
your light we see light.***

We give thanks for the gifts of life and love. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Marcia Duff, Charles Wells, Mallory Otto, and Jeff Otto. We also give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries.

Jesus Christ, Light of the word.
In your light we see light.

Heavenly Parent, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, especially Hope, into glory everlasting.

Jesus Christ, Light of the word.
In your light we see light.

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely More than we can ask or imagine; Glory to him from generation To generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn Thou Whose Almighty Word

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*Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear
us, we humbly pray, and,
where the Gospel day sheds
not its glorious ray, let
there be light!*

*Thou who didst come to
bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to
the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!*

*Spirit of truth and love, life-
giving, holy Dove, speed
forth thy flight!*

*Move on the waters' face bearing
the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place, let
there be light!*

*Holy and blesséd Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through
the world, far and wide, let
there be light!*

Thank you for joining us this morning.

Note: You may continue to submit your pledges and offerings

by mail or use the credit card payment option at
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by texting your \$amount plus the word "pledge" to 708-394-7474.

**NEW: You can submit a donation using Zelle to
admin@transfigpalos.org.**

Upcoming at Transfiguration

<i>Today</i>	<i>Episcopal 101</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>11:30am</i>
<i>1/18</i>	<i>Vestry Meeting</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>1/19</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>1/23</i>	<i>Episcopal 101</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>11:30</i>
<i>1/26</i>	<i>Anti-Racism Group</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
	<i>Compline continues every MWF on Facebook</i>		

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT
PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM
RATHER THAN ACUTE: Joe, Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary,
Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura,
Cindy, Susie, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Jayden, Debra,
Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Tom, Mike, Betty,
Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl,
Anita, Steven.***

***** PLEASE KEEP THESE INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR PRAYERS AND
NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF THEIR CONDITION OR SITUATION CHANGES. *****

Prepare for next week with the lectionary readings



Epiphany 3 (C)

January 23, 2022

RCL: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The book of Nehemiah is a continuation of the story found in the book of Ezra. These two books tell the story of the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem after exile. It is in these two books that they rebuild the Temple and the wall of Jerusalem. Ezra oversees the rebuilding of the Temple and Nehemiah, the wall. After rebuilding both of these important symbols of the religious power of God and the political power of God, the people gather. That is where our portion of the reading today picks up the story.

We are told that all the people (men, women, and anyone who can hear with understanding) gather together to hear the Torah read. What is significant is that this is the first public reading and teaching of scripture for the Hebrew people. Nehemiah is bearing witness to the first service of the word. The tradition of reading scripture and interpreting it begins in this passage. Although this group is celebrating the completion of the temple and the wall, by reading the Torah aloud to all people, they are also recognizing that the people share in God's power by understanding God's word. Their interpretation of the scripture focuses on the joy of God, not on the demands of God's law.

- Are there traditions that you are starting that could continue for 3,000 years? How do you think they might change over that time?*
- When you interpret scripture, do you focus on the demands of God? Or the joy of God?*

- *Where do you see God's joy in your life?*

Psalm 19

This psalm is divided into two distinct parts. In verses 1-6, the text tells us that God is revealed and shown through the nature that God has ordained and created to show how powerful God is. Nature does not need words to tell of God's power, which can be seen in the rising and the setting of the sun every day. Verses 7-13 tell how wonderful God's law is, and that living according to God's law will bring joy and "light to the eyes." It also reminds us that God's law is more precious than gold. The things that we think are valuable in our society do not compare to a life lived following God; in verse 14, we hear the oftquoted line: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Many priests choose this prayer to open their sermons. This line reminds us that it is both our words and our thoughts that God knows and discerns.

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- *Where do you see the power and glory of God in nature? Where have you been able to discern God's power by observing the natural world? • When have you experienced God's love and joy as being more important than gold?*
- *How has God's work in your life made your heart rejoice?*
- *Do you believe that the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart are acceptable to God? Why or why not?*

Corinthians 12:12-31a

This letter was written by Paul to an early Jesus-believing community in the city of Corinth. In this section of the letter, Paul is promoting egalitarianism despite differences. He uses a metaphor that was often used by the Romans in their political arguments. They would argue, unlike Paul, that certain parts of the body were more important than other parts. They used the body to prove that some people were more valuable than others. Paul uses their own metaphor to exalt the lowly and show the community of Jesus-followers that they needed to be different than the

*Romans. Growing up in the church, I have heard this passage many times, and it has become very familiar. But now that I realize that Paul was trying to use a familiar metaphor to do something new: to disturb the powerful assumptions about hierarchy.*¹

- *Do you believe that all parts of the body are equally important? How would you demonstrate it?*
- *What are current metaphors that you believe need to be reinterpreted, like Paul reinterpreted the Roman metaphor of the body?*

Luke 4:14-21

Luke's account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry makes a passage from Isaiah (61:1-2) the focal point. Jesus has just been tempted and survived. He had been filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit then empowered him to enter his hometown and read this passage aloud. Here, Luke is showing us what has already been made clear in his Gospel account: Jesus has come for the poor and oppressed, those excluded from society. The song that Mary sang (Luke 1:46-55) when she found out she would bear God's son made clear that this was a Son of God who came to bring good news to the poor. Now, Jesus is telling us, using the scriptures, what the rest of his life will be about. However, Jesus only includes half of the final verse he quoted from Isaiah. The full verse of Isaiah 61:2 is: "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn." God's favor also includes God's wrath.

- *Who are those currently excluded, who you can bring the Good News of Jesus to?*
- *What does the year of the Lord's favor mean to you? Do you think of favor as including wrath?*

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¹ Coogan, Michael David, Marc Zvi Brettler, Carol A Newsom, and PHEME PERKINS. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version: With the Apocrypha: An Ecumenical Study Bible*. Oxford [England]; New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. Pgs 2016-2017.

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