

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 27, 2013, 9:30 am

Luke 4:18a

We worship during the season of Epiphany according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two,  
beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

*My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*.....321

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

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.**

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

*The First Lesson – 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 19*

*Refrain:*

**The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**

Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**

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.**

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.**

The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

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.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*

**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Refrain:*

**The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

*The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 4:14-21 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word*.....530  
Verses 1-3

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

**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.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Hymn: *Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word*.....530  
Verses 4-5

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (*the people stand*)

**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 (Form III, page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Father, we pray for Saint Paul's, Carlowville; St. Wilfrid's, Marion; Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; Good Samaritan Health Clinic (Cullman); St. Michael's Community Service Center (Anniston); and for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

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

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee and Santosh, our bishops, for Arnold, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor; for Bobby, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to all the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for **Lynda** Denton, **Dot** Harris, **Alice** Williams,

**Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Pam** Harper, **Amber**, **Jared**

and **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Brandon** Boland (Cathy

Jones), **Chris** Eady (Lynne Eady), **Lisa** Wallace (Laura

Williams), **Jenna** Moates (Kelli Kerr), **John** Myer (Ann

Easley, John and Kathy Haynie), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr),

**Billie** Wilkinson, **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper),

**Melinda** Henderson (Ann Easley), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Ann

Easley), **Lee** Musso (Cathy Jones), **Oletta** Goodwin, **Sherry**

Gritz, (Arnold Bush), **Jackie** Henderson (Ann Easley), and

the others we now name: *(the people here add their own*

*petitions)*. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn:

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*.....513

The Presentation

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*The people sing (found in the Hymnal at S 129)*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this  
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon  
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of  
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your  
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put  
all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that  
heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter  
the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of  
the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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  
for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of  
silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then  
immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn: *How Wondrous and Great*.....533

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the  
Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously  
accepted us as living members of your Son our  
Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with  
spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and  
Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and  
grant us strength and courage to love and serve  
you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Recessional Hymn:

*Christ for the World We Sing*.....537

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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This is the last Sunday on this schedule. Beginning next Sunday, February 3,  
we will change our Sunday morning schedule back:

**9:30 am: Sunday School • 10:30 am: Worship in the nave • 11:30 am: Fellowship in the parish hall**

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We are grateful to have received a donation to our Beans and Rice Ministry in honor of Nancy Dupree on her birthday  
from her grandchildren: Isabella, Jack, Natalie, and Chris.

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### ***Serving at Epiphany this week . . .***

Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones  
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie

Chalice Bearer: Jean Kerr  
Refreshments: Pam Van Etten  
Stewards: Jere and Pam Van Etten

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Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon and Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon

Chalice Bearer: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: Jean Kerr  
Stewards: Al Cantrell and Ann Easley