



Sunday, January 25, 2026
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Go forth and scatter the darkness

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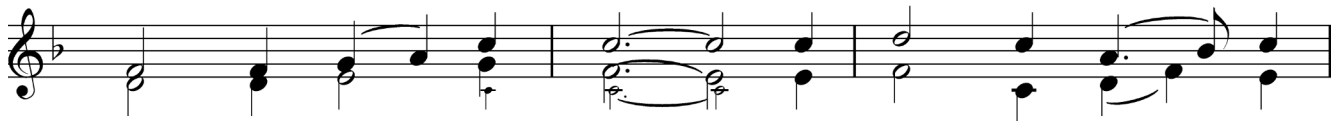
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WELCOME 10:30am only

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am only I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Stand*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

GLORIA *8:30am. Stand*

People **Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's 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.**

GLORIA 10:30am. Stand

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

To Verses

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. 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. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah. 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 27

At 8:30am, all speak the antiphon: "**The Lord is my light, and my salvation**". At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

Refrain



Verses

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?
2. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
"Seek his face, seek his face."
3. It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me. Do not abandon or forsake me.
4. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD!

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON 10:30am. Stand **JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Sing verse 1 and refrain before Gospel Reading.

1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,
Je - sus, the Light of the World!
He has ris - en in our hearts,
Je - sus, the Light of the World!
Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;
Come where His love and His mer - cy are bright.
Shine all a - round us by day and by night,
Je - sus, the Light of the World.

The musical score is written on ten staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line of music is an instrumental introduction. The second line begins with '1. See'. The score ends with a double bar line after the final line of music.

THE GOSPEL *Stand*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

4:12-23

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30am, sing the refrain above one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

DR. MICHAEL BOOKER

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in on 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 human.
 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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Deacon	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
Intercessor	For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For our Bishop Deon, and for all the clergy and people, especially those of St. Francis, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, and in hopeful anticipation that the prairie seeds we plant this winter will grow, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor	For those on our prayer list, especially _____ let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor	In the communion of St. Francis, St. Clare and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People	To thee, O Lord our God.
Presider	Eternal One, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Child: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon	Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.
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Silence is kept for a time.

People	<p>Most merciful God,</p> <p>we confess that we have sinned against you</p> <p>in thought, word, and deed,</p> <p>by what we have done,</p> <p>and by what we have left undone.</p> <p>We have not loved you with our whole heart;</p> <p>we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.</p> <p>We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.</p> <p>For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,</p> <p>have mercy on us and forgive us;</p> <p>that we may delight in your will,</p> <p>and walk in your ways,</p> <p>to the glory of your Name. Amen.</p>
Presider	Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
People	Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY *10:30am*

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS



1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
2 Though none go with me, still I will fol - low; though none go
3 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
with me, still I will fol - low; though none go with me, still I will
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -



Je - sus;
fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me;

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At 10:30am, the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Presider takes the bread and wine. All stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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:

Say at 8:30am:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

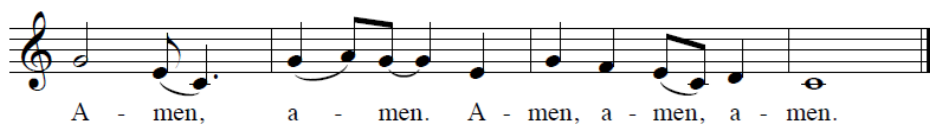
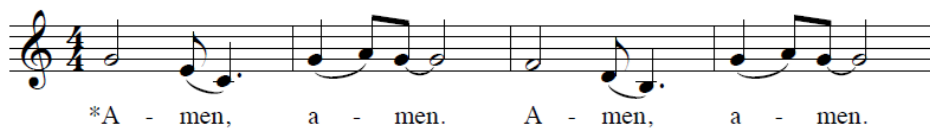
Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *At 8:30am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy-, and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Silence is kept. Then,

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

THE BLESSING

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be

the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE