

# Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

*On a journey with God to Reach, Grow, and Serve*



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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24, 2010

The pastor or worship leader will read the regular print text.

The congregation will read the **bold** text.

Please stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk \*.

### PREPARING TO ENCOUNTER GOD IN WORSHIP

*We invite you to sing or listen as we quiet our minds to hear his voice  
and open our hearts to feel his presence.*

### WELCOME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

#### \* GATHERING SONG

**“Let it Rise”**

#### \* GREETING

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God,

**you have caused the holy scriptures to be written  
for the nourishment of your people.**

**Grant that we may hear them,**

**read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,**

**that, comforted by your promises,**

**we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin  
and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Strong and faithful God,

**we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world.**

**We have closed our hearts to your love.**

**We have resisted your light.**

**We have failed to proclaim your mercy.**

**Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone,**

**heal us with your abundant grace,**

**and help us walk as children of the light.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

With joy I proclaim to you this forgiveness and grace,

in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **\* SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a handshake or a hug as a sign of reconciliation and peace,  
saying "Peace be with you."*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING**

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

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.

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**

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's 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,  
where God has pitched a tent 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 teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

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

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
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 detect one's own offenses?  
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.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

For 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.**

## \* PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

**"Gloria, Gloria"**

## \* GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

Then 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – “Playing the Periphery” (Luke 4:14–21)

*Silence is kept for reflection on the Word.*

**SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

**“We All Are One in Mission”**

**\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In recognition that all that we have and all that we are come from God, we return a portion of our wealth for the Lord's work here and around the world, we offer our talents that he may use them for his purpose, and we dedicate our lives to serve God and our neighbors.*

**\* PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS**

**“Thanks Be To You”**

**\* PRAYER OF THANKS**

God of all creation,

**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.**

**You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.**

**Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world**

**signs of your gracious presence**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**\* 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 our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer, concluding:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.; fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We invite all members and visitors to share in Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, the Sacrament of the Altar, or the Eucharist. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in and with the bread and wine. We receive this sacrament as a remembrance of what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. You may either hold the bread and dip it into the chalice with grape juice (left side) or eat the bread and drink from the common cup with wine (right side). Children who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Some people wish to receive communion every week, others less often. Please do what is meaningful and comfortable for you. If you prefer to receive communion while seated, please indicate this to an usher.*

## **COMMUNION SONG**

### **“In Christ Alone”**

**In Christ alone, my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
scorned by the ones he came to save.**

**‘Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again.**

**And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow’r of Christ in me.  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No pow’r of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand.  
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.**

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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### **\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O God, our life, our strength, our food,  
we give you thanks  
for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,  
that more and more we will give you praise  
and serve your earth and its many peoples,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**\* SENDING SONG**

**“Let Us Enter In”**

**PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church family, in our local community and throughout the world.*

**\* BENEDICTION**

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