



# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

### The Collect for Purity

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

### Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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### The Collect of the Day

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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 all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1040

*Commentary: The temptation to identify too closely with a human leader predates Christianity; in ancient times devout Jews were often defined by their devotion to a particular rabbinical school. The first major problem Paul addressed in this letter to the Corinthians concerned divisions in the church resulting from excessive loyalty to specific leaders. In boasting about their favorite leaders, the Corinthians were actually boasting about themselves. Paul reminded the Corinthians they had submitted to baptism in order to identify with Jesus Christ, not a human leader. Central to Paul's teaching and preaching was the message of the Cross, which stands in stark contrast to mere human wisdom.*

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.**

*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for 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 Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
 The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
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 and Margaret Elizabeth Lewis Williams*

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