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Third Sunday after Epiphany



ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

*HYMN # 4 Joyful, Joyful

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With steadfast love, God calls us to find refuge in God's shelter.

Many: We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

One: Let us feast on the abundance of God's house.

Many: Let us drink deeply from the fountain of life.

One: Are we ready to to be guided by the Word of God?

Because the Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

Many: When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

*INVOCATION (unison)

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve your children in need giving glory to your Holy name. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE # 756 Gloria

Choir Anthem: To Our God by Brian Johnson, Jeremy Riddle, and Joel Taylor

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To our God we lift up one voice, to our God we lift up one song,
to our God we lift up one voice, singing hallelujah...

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We make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious...

And for His name is glorious, glorious, glorious...

Shout His name, glorious, glorious, glorious...

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In our hearts these gifts we bring; for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you; in all we say and all we do. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Lehoullier

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Children are excused as we sing: **“Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.”**

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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

NEW TESTAMENT: John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON: Abundance Timing

SPECIAL MUSIC: Andante and Tempo giusto from Sonata for Two Flutes by Johann Christian Schultz; Valerie Roche and Jeanette Tausanovitch, Flutes

WE RESPOND WITH SILENCE AND PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING – On Eagle’s Wings

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

What will we give in gratitude for God's forgiveness and healing grace?
Who can repay the many gifts we have received with the miracle of
life? Let us rejoice in the mission God entrusts to us and offer what we
can.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Adagio from Sonata for Two Flutes by Johann Christian
Schultz; Valerie Roche and Jeanette Tausanovitch, Flutes

***DOXOLOGY #760 - Masithi**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our
lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our financial
giving. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring
each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of
gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for
granting us this joy. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

***HYMN: # 593 Lift Every Voice and Sing**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Presto from Sonata for Two Flutes by Johann Christian Schultz; Valerie Roche
and Jeanette Tausanovitch, Flutes**

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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