



*CHRIST MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH*  
**MORNING PRAYER**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Online

**OPENING HYMN: Turn to Me (insert)**

*Officiant:* From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant:* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**People:** Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace;  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a  
quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

***People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us;

***People:* O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

***People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Praise the Lord.

***People:* The Lord's Name be praised.**

## **VENITE**

Psalm 95:1-7

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory:

***People:* O come, let us adore him.**

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \***

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the depths of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, \***  
**and we are the people of his pasture,**  
**and the sheep of his hand.**

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory:

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

## **PSALM 52**

**1** Why do you boast, you tyrant, \*  
that you can do evil;

**2** Whereas the goodness of God \*  
**endures all the day long?**

**3** Your tongue devises wickedness, \*  
and with lies you cut like a sharp razor.

**4** You have loved unrighteousness more than goodness \*  
**and to utter lies more than truth.**

**5** You have loved to speak all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.

**6** Therefore, God shall destroy you for ever; \*  
**he shall catch you, and pluck you out of your dwelling, and root**  
**you out of the land of the living.**

**7** The righteous also shall see this and fear, \*  
and shall laugh him to scorn:

**8** “Behold, this is the one who did not take God for his  
strength, \*  
**but trusted in the multitude of his riches and relied on his**  
**wickedness.”**

**9** As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.

**10 I will always give thanks unto you for what you have done, \*  
and I will declare your Name among the faithful, for it is good.**

### **PSALM 53**

1 The fool has said in his heart, \*

“There is no God.”

**2 They are corrupt and have become abominable in their  
wickedness; \***

**there is none that does good.**

3 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men \*  
to see if there were any who would understand and seek after God.

**4 But they have all gone astray; they have altogether become  
abominable; \***

**there is none that does good, no, not one.**

5 Have they no knowledge, all the workers of evil \*

who eat up my people as they would eat bread, and call not upon  
God?

**6 They were afraid where no fear was, \***

**for God has broken the bones of those who besieged you;**

7 You have put them to shame, \*

because God has rejected them.

**8 Oh, that salvation were given unto Israel out of Zion! \***

**Oh, that God would deliver his people out of captivity!**

9 Then shall Jacob rejoice, \*

and Israel shall be glad.

### **PSALM 54**

1 Save me, O God, for your Name's sake, \*

and avenge me in your strength.

**2 Hear my prayer, O God, \***

**and hearken to the words of my mouth.**

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, \*

and tyrants, who do not have God before their eyes, seek after my life.

**4 Behold, God is my helper; \***

**the Lord is he who upholds my life.**

5 He shall repay the evil of my enemies. \*

O destroy them in your faithfulness.

**6 A freewill offering will I give you, \***

**and praise your Name, O LORD, because it is good.**

7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, \*

and my eye has seen the ruin of my enemies.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world**  
**without end. Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

### **Genesis 21:1-21**

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis, beginning with the twenty-first chapter, the first verse.

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a

hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your

hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **TE DEUM LAUDAMUS**

*The following Canticle is sung or said, standing as you are able.*

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; \*  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, \*  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, \*  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you. \*  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. \*  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, \*  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory, \*  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free \*  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death \*  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory. \*  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people, \*  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints \*  
to glory everlasting.

**HYMN: 554 TIS A GIFT**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

**John 10:22-42**

*Reader:* reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, beginning with the tenth chapter, the twenty-second verse

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater

than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming, ’because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTUS**

**The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)**

*The following Canticle is sung or said. Stand as you are able.*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

and in the shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world

without end. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, standing as you are able.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and 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 SUFFRAGES**

*Officiant:* O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

***People:* And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* O Lord, guide those who govern us

***People:* And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness

***People:* And let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* O Lord, save your people

***People:* And bless your inheritance.**

*Officiant:* Give peace in our time, O Lord

***People:* And defend us by your mighty power.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten

***People:* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God

***People:* And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

### **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

*Officiant:* 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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS, THANKSGIVINGS, AND PRAISE**

*Officiant:* Give your steadfast love to those for whom we pray in intercession, especially Jeanne and family, Marie, Tom, Mike, Lei, Julia, Jane, Cynthia, Wayne, Sheila, Elise and family, Becca, Sara, Steve, Art, Paul, Charlyn, Erin, Niles, Robbie, Jane, Dale, Webb, Linda, David, Helen, Tony, Penny, Tommy, Matthew, Pam and Rich, and any others we now name. (Silence).

*The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.*

## **A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

*Officiant:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: 544 Jesus Shall Reign**

## **DISMISSAL AND GRACE**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**  
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

**Aloha! Welcome!**

***If you are visiting our beautiful island, ALOHA.***

*We are blessed by your visit and pray that God's beauty greets you at every scenic turn and in the eyes of every person you meet. If you're thinking and praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, to serve God, and to make a difference in this world, be our guest! There's a special place at Christ Memorial just for you.*  
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with the support of our priest, vicar, and pastor,*

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**The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawai'i**

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