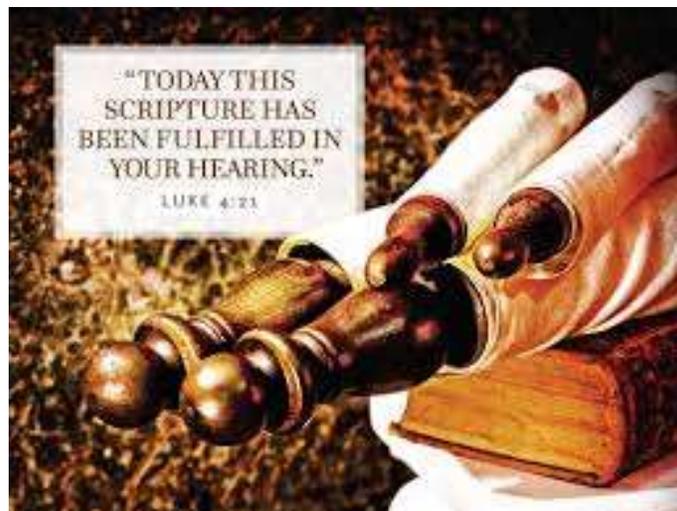


The Parish of St. Lawrence  
The Third Sunday after Epiphany  
(BAS & Common Praise Hymnbook)



January 23, 2022

Welcome

**Opening Hymn: #101- Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

*Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8.12*

*The officiant says to the people,*  
Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*  
*The officiant and people say together,*  
**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us,**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest says,*  
Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Blessed are you Son of David; born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men. Blessed are you, Son of Man; baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves. Blessed are you, heavenly King; teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.

*People* **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

*Officiant:* With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Savior.

**All Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

*Officiant:* With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.

**All: Praise and honor and glory to you, O Lord most high.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **O come, let us worship.**

### **Venite**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, \* and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* 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. \* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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### **First Reading**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

### **Psalm 19**

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, \* and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 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.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 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.

**14 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

## Hymn #484- In Christ There is No East or West

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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 power of 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.

Intercessions

As we gather as a community of faith that has been dispersed throughout our town and beyond, let us bring our prayers to Almighty God, confident that both our private and communal prayers are heard wherever we may be. Let us pray to the Lord saying, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church. In our Tri-Diocesan Intercessions, we remember the Parish of Bay L'Argent, the Parish of Bay of Islands, and the Parish of Bay Roberts/Coley's Point. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Hong Kong. And as we begin our search for a new Rector, we pray for Rev. Amanda in her new position, and for this Parish of St. Lawrence - that God may call suitable candidates to lead this parish through the challenges ahead. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, and for our neighbouring

communities. That restrictions might soon be relaxed, allowing us to interact with one another in a more normal way, and providing relief for those who struggle with the loneliness, anxiety and depression caused by the uncertainty of these times. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our parish who are sick and who have requested our prayers: ... And we remember those who live with mental health and addictions challenges. That the comfort and love of Christ may be seen in the presence of those who care for them, and that it may give them strength, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have passed on from this earthly life into eternal glory – remembering especially ..., and in our year's mind,... Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord., and let light perpetual shine upon them. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for areas of our world where people live in constant fear of violence and oppression. Today we especially pray for the people of Ukraine, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Yemen. And we pray for the continuing fight against COVID-19 at home and around the world. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we often focus on those things that we want or need, forgetting at times to give thanks for all that you have already given us. May we always be mindful of the many blessings of this life, and for the love you have for us and all your people. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Collect of the Day: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Hymn #507- Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

**The Dismissal**