THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

A welcoming Episcopal community

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II January 28, 2024 • 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, BWV 654

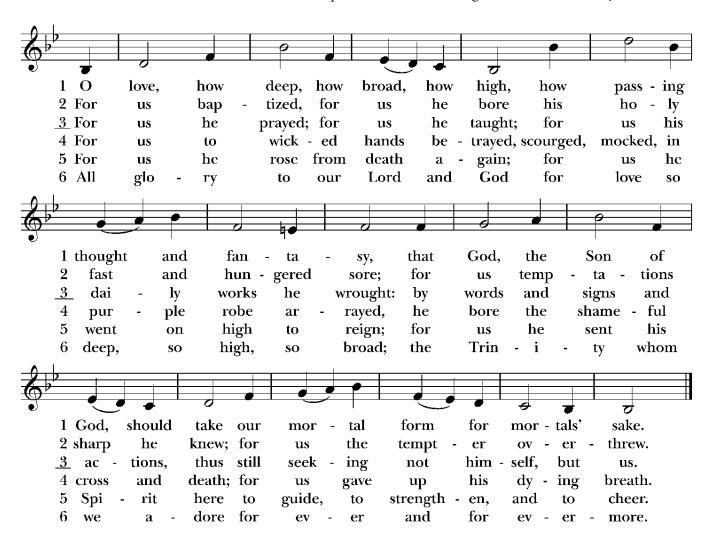
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand for the procession. Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to follow the children's cross and their teachers to their Church School classes. Visitors are welcome.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

The Hymnal 1982 #448



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.People Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

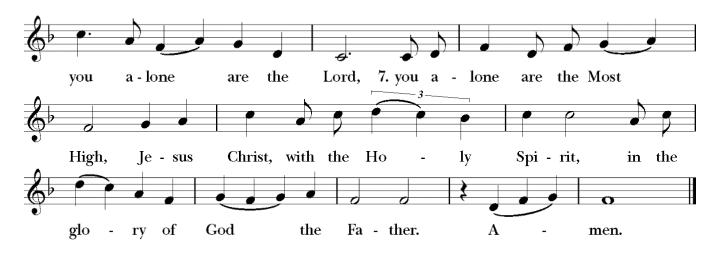
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All

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

All remain standing to sing the





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All remain standing for

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may

pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you

and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

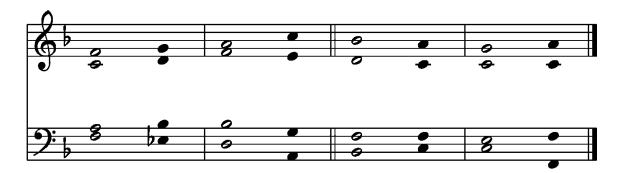
Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by all. The sung tone changes on the underlined syllable(s), and at the beginning of each new verse or half-verse. The checkmark indicates a slight breath or pause.



- ¹ Hallelujah! ✓ I will give thanks to the Lord with my <u>whole heart</u>, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the deeds of the <u>Lord!</u> * they are studied by all who de<u>light in them</u>.
- ³ His work is full of majesty and <u>splendor</u>, * and his righteousness endures for <u>ever</u>.
- ⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be re<u>membered</u>; * the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- ⁵ He gives food to those who <u>fear him;</u> * he is ever mindful of his <u>covenant</u>.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his <u>works</u> * in giving them the lands of the <u>nations</u>.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are <u>sure</u>.
- ⁸ They stand fast for ever and <u>ever</u>, * because they are done in truth and <u>equity</u>.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;

 √ he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; ✓ his praise endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lector A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

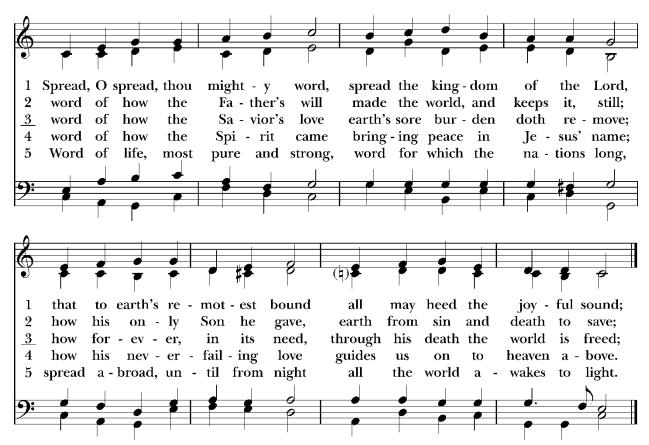
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel procession.

GRADUAL HYMN Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

The Hymnal 1982 #530

Verses 1-3 sung before the Gospel reading, verses 4-5 sung after the Gospel reading.



Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. Stanza 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

All stand to say

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The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to "Hear us, O God," is "For your mercy is great." Please add your own prayers during any of the silences.

CONFESSION OF SIN Please stand or kneel for the confession.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 neighbors 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 ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM Teach me, O Lord

Philip W. Stopford (b. 1977)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; *
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; *
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; *
for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, *
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; *
and quicken me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant, *
that I may fear thee.

Psalm 119:33-38



Words Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Please remain standing as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Church of South India

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People And also with you.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

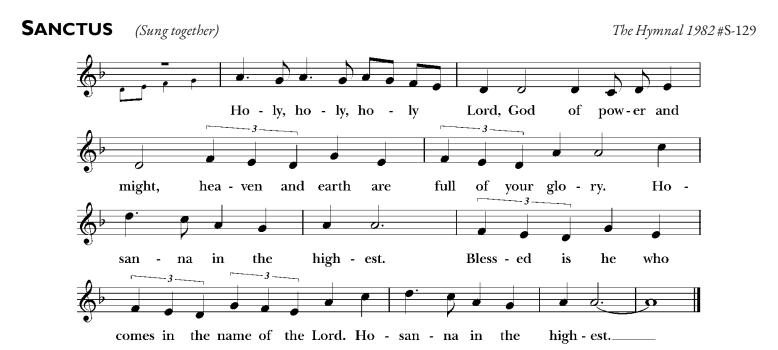
Celebrant

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, holy Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus, you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to become his disciples, friends and partners.

With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins, and through his resurrection we are saved.

Celebrant

Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Lord, we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.

Celebrant

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

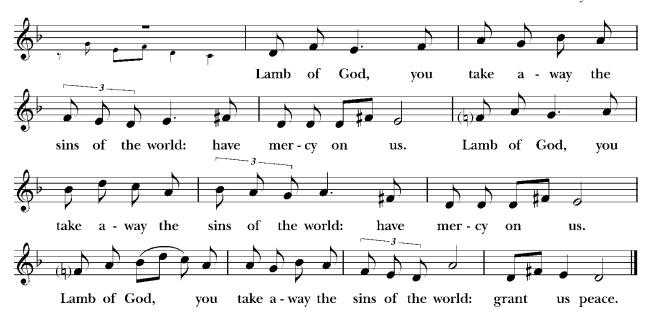
All

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 consecrated bread is broken. After a period of silence, all sing the

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 #S-163



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

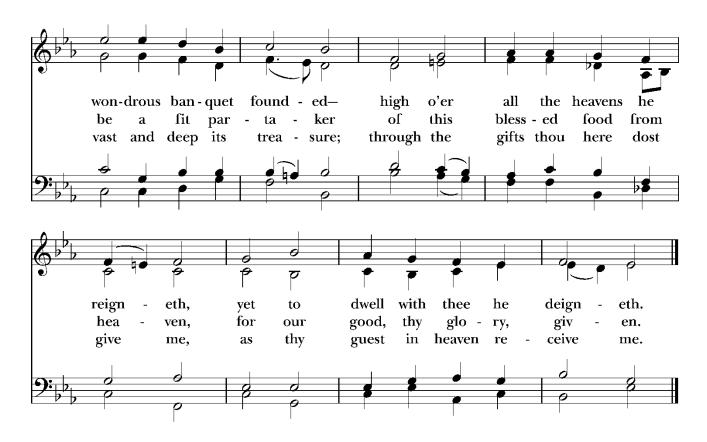
The Body and Blood of Christ. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

Healing prayer is offered at the kneeler located near the lectern at the front of the nave for those who would like prayer.

Please be seated and wait for the invitation of an usher to leave your pew. Come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine at the high altar or the station near the pulpit. (Alcohol-free wine is available at this station.) Return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten-free host is available.

COMMUNION HYMN Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness





Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

COMMUNION ANTHEM There is a balm in Gilead

arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

African-American spiritual

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant

May Christ, the light of the world, be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Thou, whose almighty word

The Hymnal 1982 #371



Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916, based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Grand Chœur in G Major

Théodore-César Salomé (1834-1896)

Thank you for joining us for worship. Join us for refreshments and our Annual Meeting in Hadley Hall.

The altar flowers are given by Alison Taber in memory of Walter Whitman Taber.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Janelle Hiroshige, Celebrant The Reverend Nick Myers,, Preacher Jeremy Bruns, Director of Music and Organist The Parish Choir Gloria Korta, Verger Katherine Cumming, Crucifer Jacob Berner, Acolyte Gabrielle Stott and John McConnell, Lectors Joy Cass, Healing Prayer Partner Jared Cumming, Ted Kellogg, and Joan O'Connor, Lay Eucharistic Ministers Michael Schrader and John Snow, Greeters Reid Boswell and Joel Berner, Ushers Ed Wickramasinghe, Audio Engineer Suzanne Owayda, Video Engineer Afaf Georgis and Kathy Hodges, Altar Guild Kent Porter-Hamann, Altar Flowers Julie Broderick and Mary Ann O'Callaghan, Flower Deliverers

TODAY

ANNUAL MEETING: TODAY AT 11:30AM

Join us today following the 10:00 am service as we gather in Hadley Hall for our Annual Meeting. We will gather to approve a slate of candidates for our open parish leadership positions, discuss our ongoing Building for the Ages campaign, and look to the coming year ahead. A simple lunch will be served. We hope you can join us for this important yearly meeting.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING: TODAY AT 4:30PM

If you're in your 20s, 30s, or early 40s, join us for an afternoon of snacks, cocoa, and cocktails today from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Clayton and Jonathan's home in the South End. RSVP to Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org.

YOUTH HUT HIKE: INDICATE INITIAL INTEREST TODAY

Save the date for our Youth Hut Hike trip for grades 6-12 on June 26-28 in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. We will have a guide from the Appalachian Mountain Club, and this will be an opportunity for community building while enjoying God's creation. Contact Rev. Janelle today at jhiroshige@3crowns.org to indicate your initial interest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Moms of Young'uns Gathering: January 29

Moms of children in elementary school (ish) and younger are invited to join a new discussion, support, and comic relief group. Our next meeting is on January 29 at 7:30 pm at the Rectory (29 Lakeview Road in Winchester). Contact Sarah McGonigle at sarah.p.mcgonigle@gmail.com with questions and/or to join us.

Adult Formation: Epiphany Mini-Series Continues Next Sunday

This year's Epiphanytide mini-series continues next Sunday and will include these lay-led classes at 11:30 am on Sundays. No registration is needed.

Valley of the Shadow of Psalms: Psalms of Praise, Prayer, Protest, and Prophesy with Gabrielle Stott (January 14, January 21, February 4, February 11, Chapel)

The Only Proper Style: Anglicans and Gothic Architecture with John McConnell (February 4 and 11, Upper Parish Hall)

WORD & TABLE: NEXT SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 4

Our next Word & Table service will be held on Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 pm. Word & Table is a casual, contemporary, and creative service based on our familiar Episcopal liturgy offered at 5:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month, from October through June in Hadley Hall.

MIDWEEK ON FEBRUARY 7: MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION & BURNING OF PALMS

Our annual Midweek @ Epiphany Mardi Gras celebration and burning of the palms will be held on Wednesday, February 7, beginning at 6:15 pm with dinner and fellowship. If you have palms saved from last year, we invite you to bring them to burn. Join us!

HONDURAS TRIP: INFORMATIONAL MEETING, FEBRUARY II

We are exploring the possibility of taking a group to El Hogar this summer, June 22-30. If you are interested in joining this trip to Honduras to visit our partnership, El Hogar, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, February 11 after the 10:00 am service. An additional Zoom informational meeting will take place on Monday, February 12 at 7:30 pm, if you are unable to join in person on February 11. For more information, contact Betsy Walsh (betsygwalsh@gmail.com) or Rev. Nick (nmyers@3crowns.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: FEBRUARY 14

Begin your Lenten journey at Parish of the Epiphany with Ash Wednesday worship on February 14. We will offer services of Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 12:00 pm (spoken word) and 7:00 pm (with music).

INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED OR RECEIVED?

In the Episcopal Church, confirmation and reception are a public affirmation of your faith and your baptismal vows. Preparation includes a series of classes and formation. If you are coming from a different tradition or grew up in the Episcopal Church and are in at least 10th grade, you are invited to consider this next step in your faith journey! Interested? Email Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Parish of the Epiphany joyfully welcomes children and the energy, sound, and movement they bring. This Sunday, our nursery is available for drop-off care during the service, for infants and toddlers through three years old. (Exit the sanctuary through the front right door and you will find the nursery). Church School for those in preschool through 5th grade happens during the first half of the service; children (including visitors) are invited to follow the children's cross and teachers during the procession, when those in preschool through 1st graders go to Upper Parish Hall and our 2nd through 5th graders go to the Chapel. We all return at the Passing of the Peace. Worship Bags, full of quiet activities to help children worship, are available in the back of the church.

Please visit our website, 3crowns.org, for more information about our children and youth programs. We offer special family-oriented evening worship services; intergenerational gatherings on Wednesday evenings called Midweek @ Epiphany; Choristers for grades 2-8; and youth groups and service opportunities for those in 6th grade and above. Visitors are always welcome at all of our programs. Join us!

New to our Church School? Please take a moment now to scan this QR code and share important information about your child's name, age, allergies, and parent contact number.



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