

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Third Sunday after the Epiphany – January 23, 2022

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

[Christ is the world's true light](#), vv 1-3

Hymnal 542

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider Blessed be God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be the Life of God among us!**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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***

RITE OF REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us offer repentance together.

Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who through foolishness or willfulness often choose darkness instead of light.

**Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions,
our short-sighted folly and misguided assumptions,
our deep-seated sins and apathy towards change and renewal.**

Forgive us the pain we have inflicted on others and upon ourselves.

In the light of your love, restore the hopes and ideals within our souls.

Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray:

“Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us,”
through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!

Presider Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving, and live without shame or anxiety.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ, be our light (*refrain and v 1*)

Bernadette Farrell



Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (*Refrain*)

THE WORD OF GOD

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of

healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles?
Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues?
Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us:

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 19:1-11, 14

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, **and the firmament shows God’s 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 judgments 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.
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.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON "Hospitality and Equality" The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG The Lord is my light Taizé



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EPIPHANY

Please respond to "Jesus, Light of the World," with "Be visible in us."

Christ, our Light, we thank you for revealing God to us. Thank you for blessing us in so many ways, especially for... and for all other blessings we name now, aloud or in silence:
Jesus, Light of the World: *Be visible in us.*

Christ, our Light, sages from the east came to worship you as a light to all nations. Give us peace in this world, light where darkness reigns, provision for all who hunger, and security for all who live in fear. We pray for... and all places and people we name:
Jesus, Light of the World: *Be visible in us.*

Christ, our Light, the Church was born in the waters of your baptism. Bless your church in every place; make us beacons of light and bringers of peace. We pray especially for our Bishop, Mariann; our clergy; the mission of the Christ Churches; and , that all may serve the world in your name.
Jesus, Light of the World: *Be visible in us.*

Christ, our Light, you revealed your power in the first miracle at Cana, power still with us through your Spirit. Give us the faith and courage to offer healing in your name for those for whom our prayers have been asked... and for all others we name now:
Jesus, Light of the World: *Be visible in us.*

Christ, our Light, you shone on the Mount of Transfiguration, giving your friends a glimpse of you as their destination as well as their teacher and Lord. We pray for all who have died, that they may know life in your presence now and forever, especially... and all others we name now, aloud or in silence:
Jesus, Light of the World: *Be visible in us.*

Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ’s peace with their neighbors.

OFFERTORY [Leaning on the everlasting arms](#), vv 1 and 3 LEVAS 196

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Or La Plata at <https://christchurchlaplata.org/donate/>
Or text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts.

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to pray the words in bold type.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus) Kate Heichler, 2000

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for to remember me."**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Taste and See Kate Heichler, 2006

Ta - ste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the bread he broke for us, Hal - le - lu - jah! -

- Ta - ste and see the wine that he ha - s poured, the great-est for the

least, Hal - le - lu - jah! So let us keep the feast, Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE COMMUNION

All are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(For those not receiving eucharist today)*

In union, O God, with your faithful people in every church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. As I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we thank you that you have chosen to reveal yourself to us, through your Word, through prophets and sages, through stars and beacons, through signs and miracles, and in the Bread and Wine that we share at your Table. Open our eyes, Lord, to welcome your light into every corner of our hearts, that we might shine with its radiance and bear your light into every corner of this world. All this we pray in the name of God, Father, and the Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

BLESSING

**PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
COMMUNITY NEWS**

CLOSING HYMN

[Immortal, invisible](#), vv 1,2,4

Hymnal 423

HYMNS

Hymns are found in the hymnals in our pews, and words are provided on slides at 11. Those worshipping online can click the link on the hymn name and find the tune there.

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OUR PRAYERS

We give thanks for: The intimacy of Zoom worship; for healthcare workers
Birthdays and Anniversaries: Jane Badger 1/14; Charlotte Miller 1/24; Garrett Estep; Maize Birch 1/25;

We pray for:
Those in need of healing – Lou Demas, Bill Cooke, Ned Chalker, Bob Clark, Scott Forward, Jesse, Nick LaMonica, Alicia Cordelle, Arlene Alvey, Gary Murray, Steve and Kathy Blamer, Garner Burroughs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES IN NEED – It's cold and treacherous out there – let's give some warmth to those members of our community forced to live in encampments in our woods.

- ♦ **8-Person Tent** - here is a good one available locally; any will suffice.
- ♦ **20lb propane tank** - Available at BJ's for \$39.99
- ♦ **Mr Heater Buddy** - Available at Walmart and Lowe's locally
- ♦ **Hose to connect tank to heater** - specific to the need
- ♦ **Filter for hose** - specific to the need

You can drop these items at Christ Church in La Plata M-F, 9-1. Email Fraser Tuffee with questions. One family we are helping at the long-stay motel need some household items. if you can provide any of these, new or used, please email Alicia Cordelle or call her at 301-860-9325.

- ♦ **Coffee Pot**
- ♦ **Griddle (electric) - probably an electric skillet would work as well**
- ♦ **Microwave**
- ♦ **Toaster oven**

LISTENING TO RISING GENERATIONS FRIDAY, January 28, 7 pm Online | Register

Our Diocese is offering guidance into how our churches can "grow young" - be communities that attract, welcome, and fully integrate younger people and families. Our pre-Convention Friday night session is devoted to a conversation on this subject. **Register [here](#)**. Immediately following the event, you are invited to join our own Zoom gathering [here](#) to debrief and comment.

BYLAW REVISION – Christ Church in La Plata – You can review the proposed version [here](#), and a list of the changes made [here](#). We will vote to accept these at our Annual Parish Meeting February 6th or 13th.

ANNUAL MEETINGS – In accordance with our bylaws, notice is hereby given:
La Plata February 6 or 13 after church; this will be an on-line meeting.

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