

# PRAYER SERVICE FOR JANUARY 23, 2022

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

God loves you all the time.

**All the time God loves you.**

### CONFESSION AND FOREGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence  
of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

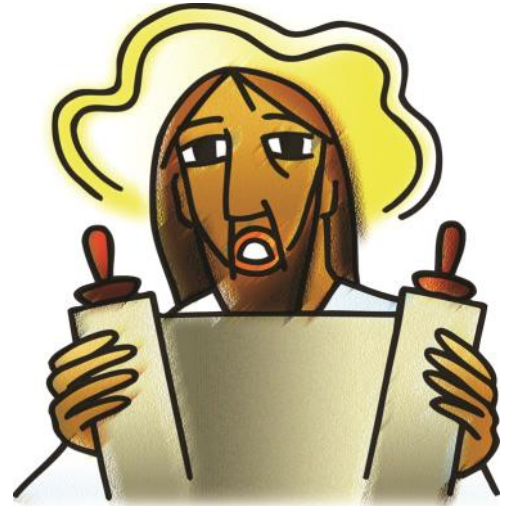
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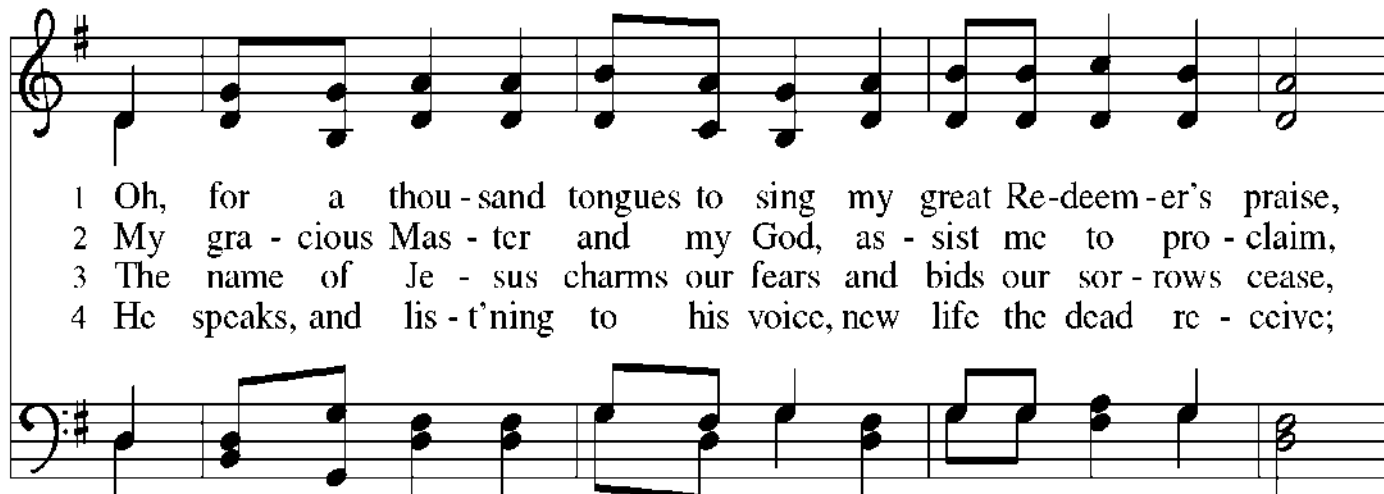
In ✚ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

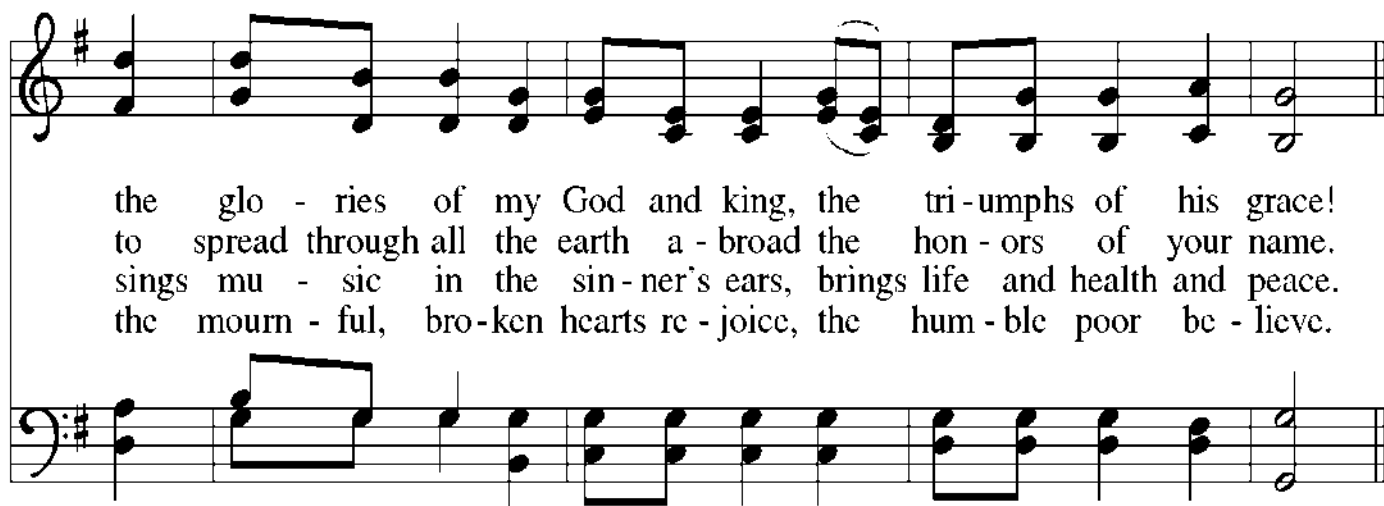
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**





1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
 O fallen human race!  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
 be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**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.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

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

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>**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

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>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; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel of Luke, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he 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,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE MESSAGE

**Pastor Tara Magoon**

# PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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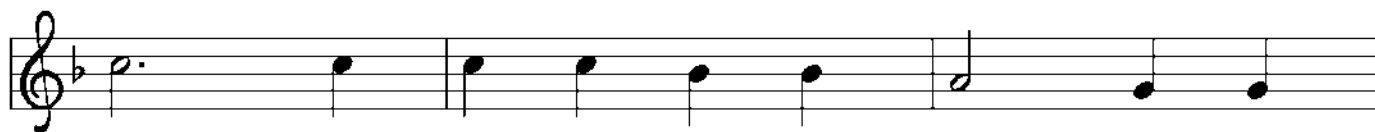
- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
pre - cious in your sight.  
hill to val - ley flow.  
king - dom with out end.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And he will come 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**





## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation (*especially*). Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn (*especially*). Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
**Amen.**


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.  
**Amen.**



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The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in

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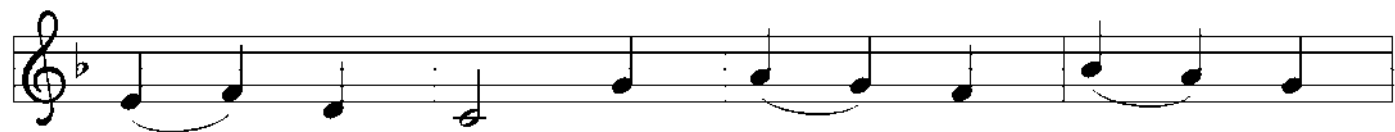
We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the

3

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter

4

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel




Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings

bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to

joy like seed and, all our days, to

to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.

share a dream and help the blind to see.

cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.

pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

SENDING

Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers for January 23

### TODAY we pray for:

Natty Frederick  
Margie and Andy Betley  
Terry Ripski  
Rich (stepdad of Lynne Luetngen)  
Debbie (daughter of Joanne Deaton)  
Joanne & Louis Arena  
John and Lena  
Mike Goyda  
Dorothy Dzuris

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

All who have COVID; Jurgen, Ursula, Frank; Bruce Berentson; Zachary C. Miller; Cleo Lofsgordon; Ed and Erika Burke;; Chuck Loomis; Angie Wasgatt, Ron Walker, Will & Muretta; Carl Hewlett, Gretchen; Linda & Bill; Paul & Judy Freys; Seth Weaver, Julia Knight, Jim Dadey, Gabby Schiavone; Jenny; Claire; Ed Nagy; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Brian; Allen Whitley; Roger Camp; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; John Worrell; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Gretchen Platz; Ellen Hall; Nanci Hunsinger, Claire Schoening; Tyler, Bill Howerin; Marcia Burton; Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

**To request a prayer, or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) or email [office@glcde.org](mailto:office@glcde.org).**



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**8:30AM**

**Assisting Minister:** Gerry Teig

**Reader:** Penny Matchen

**Sound:** Hope Munson