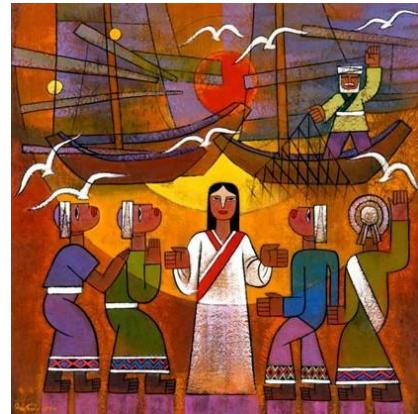


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026

We are delighted to have you here and warmly invite you to fully engage in God's mission and ministry at St. Martin's Church. Everyone is welcome—no exceptions, no reservations. We are an inclusive Christian community committed to making a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Prelude *Offertoire* + + + + + + + *Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)*



Hymn 757 *Will You Come and Follow Me*
Wonder, Love and Praise

Opening Acclamation

Officiant **Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.**
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Gloria *Glory to God* (sung twice) *Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #243*

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry
 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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.

The First Lesson *Isaiah 9:1-4*

Common English Bible (CEB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

You have made the nation great;

you have increased its joy.

They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,

as those who divide plunder rejoice.

As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them,

the staff on their shoulders,

and the rod of their oppressor.

A period of silence follows the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1,5-13

St. Helena's Breviary

God is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**God is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of you, O God;
one thing I seek: *

that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,

To behold your fair beauty, O God, *
and to seek you in your temple.

For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; *
**you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to you.

Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” *

Your face, O God, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Common English Bible (CEB)

A reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don’t be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. My brothers and sisters, Chloe’s people gave me some information about you, that you’re fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, “I belong to Paul,” “I belong to Apollos,” “I belong to Cephas,” “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul’s name? Thank God that I didn’t baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don’t know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn’t send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn’t send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ’s cross won’t be emptied of its meaning.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

A period of silence follows the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 661

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Common English Bible (CEB)

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,
the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,
and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.*^[a]

From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right

away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

A period of silence follows the reading

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Scott B. Neal

A period of silence follows

The Nicene Creed *please stand as you are able*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father¹.
With the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

¹ The 71st General Convention (1994) reaffirms its intention to remove the Filioque clause from the Nicene Creed.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Holy God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; for Rob and Thomas, her New Hampshire and Maine colleagues; for Scott, our priest; and Jenny his constellation partner, for the people of this parish, for St. Barnabas', St. John's and St. Paul's;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering all those on Constellation parishes prayer lists;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

**Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully,
grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 381 *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness* *The Hymnal 1982*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, p.367

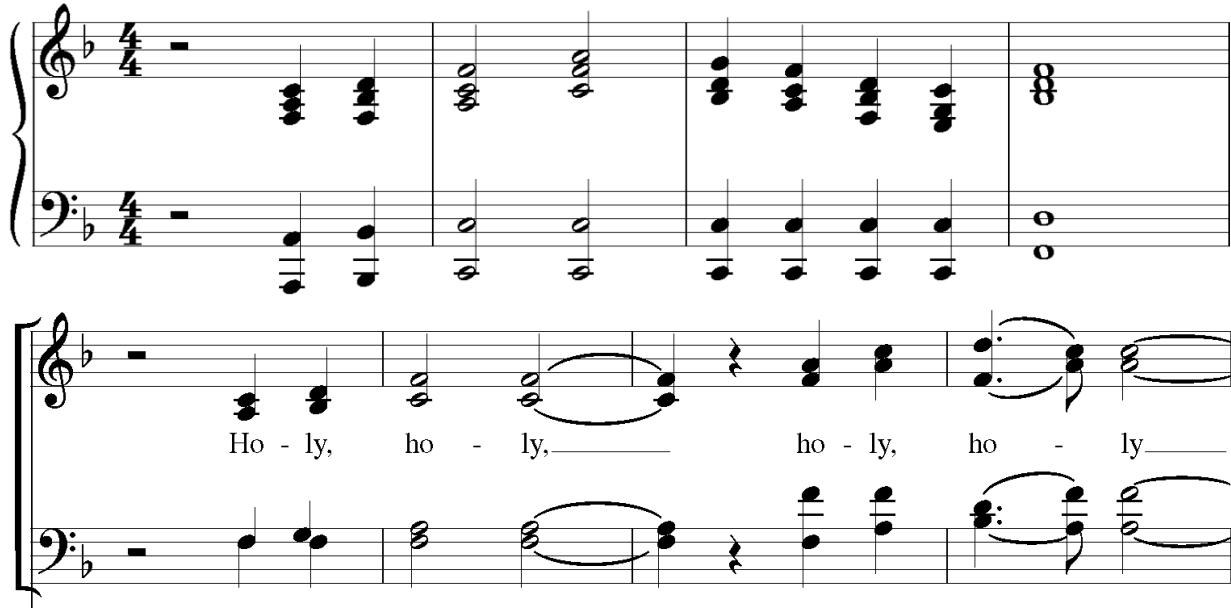
God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts., to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #255



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

holy Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless -ed is the one who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup; 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,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this fruit of the earth and of the vine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and

bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, God Bearer, Martin, our Patron, Paul, Barnabas, John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**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 presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. |

Fraction Anthem

Wonder, Love and Praise 867

The bread which we break is a shar-ing in the
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy Food for Holy People.

This is God's table, it is not the altar of the Episcopal Church or of St. Martin's.
This is God's table, and all people are welcome to receive communion in this place.

About Communion: ***This is God's Altar - All are welcome.***

- *All who come to this place seeking God are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The bread is gluten-free and we use wine and grape juice in individual cups in a celebration of radical hospitality.*
- *If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you in your seat.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive Communion are always welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

At this time, we invite all present to come forward to receive communion.

*No matter who you are, you are a beloved Child of God and
are invited to receive either a blessing or communion.*

The people receive communion first and then ministers at the altar.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

The Hymnal 1982

Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Trio en Chaconne*

Andre Raison (Before 1650-1719)

The Worship is over. Now the Service begins.

Please join us following worship for coffee and fellowship in the gathering room.