

# Third Sunday after Epiphany



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
Jan 25, 2026  
10:00 A.M.

# Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

*The text for morning prayer is from Enriching Our Worship (EOW) I*

## Opening Sentence

Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Let us confess our sins to God.

## The Confession

Officiant and People

**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.**

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

**People: And your glory all the day long.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

**People: Come let us adore him.**

## Venite Psalm 95:1-7

**BCP 44**

Officiant and People

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;**

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

**For you are a great God;**

**you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth,**

**and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it,**

**and your hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

BCP 617

*Dominus illuminatio*

Officiant and People

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

## The Lessons

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

### **Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Canticle 11** The Third Song of Isaiah      Surge, illuminare,  
**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

Officiant and People

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***  
    **and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**  
**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***  
    **deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**  
**But over you the Lord will rise, \***  
    **and his glory will appear upon you.**  
**Nations will stream to your light, \***  
    **and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**  
**Your gates will always be open; \***  
    **by day or night they will never be shut.**  
**They will call you, The City of the Lord, \***  
    **The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**  
**Violence will no more be heard in your land, \***  
    **ruin or destruction within your borders.**  
**You will call your walls, Salvation, \***  
    **and all your portals, Praise.**  
**The sun will no more be your light by day; \***  
    **by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, \***

**and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

**Canticle D** A Song of the Wilderness  
**Isaiah 35:1-7,10**

Officiant and People

**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \***  
**the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**  
**It shall blossom abundantly, \***  
**and rejoice with joy and singing.**  
**They shall see the glory of the Lord, \***  
**the majesty of our God.**  
**Strengthen the weary hands, \***  
**and make firm the feeble knees.**  
**Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \***  
**Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."**  
**Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \***  
**and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.**  
**Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \***  
**and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**  
**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \***  
**and streams in the desert;**  
**The burning sand shall become a pool \***

**and the thirsty ground, springs of water.  
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \*  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.  
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \*  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**The Gospel-** *Matthew 4:12-23*

Deacon: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (4:12-23)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Please stand as you are able*

**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 to the dead.  
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 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.

## The Prayers

Officiant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

### 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.  
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.

### Suffrages A

Officiant: Help us, O God our Savior;

**People: Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Officiant: Look upon your congregation;

**People: Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Officiant: Declare your glory among the nations;

**People: And your wonders among all peoples.**

Officiant: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**People: Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Officiant: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**People: And your favor to those who are true of heart**

Officiant: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**People: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### **Collect of the Day**

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.

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People** from *Clouds and Glory* by David Adam

When the Intercessor says, “Lord God, you call us to serve you” the people respond, “**Be our strength in all we do.**”

*The officiant offers a concluding prayer*

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**People: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**



## Birthdays

Kevin Sayer 1/27

## Anniversaries

*Matt and Alicia Mays Moore 1/29*

## Birthdays & Anniversary Prayer

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**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Announcements

- The Annual Meeting has been moved to next Sunday, Feb. 1. The Annual Report, which includes nominee bios, has been emailed to parishioners. Please call the office to receive a copy if you don't have access to email. **This year, everyone is asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item to church on Feb. 1 to support St. Peter's Food Cupboard.**
- The Mitten Tree: We will continue our tradition of donating mittens, hats, gloves and scarves, both handmade and store bought for those in need. Fill the blue bin until Feb. 8, when Rev. Barb will bless the donations. Thank you Connie Clinefelter and Community Partnerships.
- On Feb. 15, there will be a book discussion he Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. Parishioners Lisa Moore and Betty Hilary will facilitate the discussion. Use the link in the newsletter to purchase the book now.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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