

JANUARY 25, 2026 8:10AM
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME

Heather Harriss

CENTERING PRAYER

We come, in this moment, to be stilled, to listen deeply, to create room for another voice,
another presence – beyond and before our own –
to reorient and lift us in perspective and heart, instilling lasting grace, peace and hope.¹

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Christy Perkey, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;
Jesus calls us to worship.
Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;
Jesus calls us to love.
Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;
Jesus calls us to justice.
Let us heed the call of Christ.
Let us worship together with joy.²

†HYMN NO. 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Light and Salvation, forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness,
stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering.
You have called us to follow you and to fish for people
but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will.
Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.³

(silent reflection)

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God, the Stronghold of our Life, hear our cry as we come to you for unity.
Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.
Teach us that the “same mind” you call us to have is not ours,
but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.³

†PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

†Matthew 4:17-23

NRSVUE

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

You Are Foundational

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP

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As the Deer

arr. James Koerts

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Go out into the world to join God in the work of love, of peace, of justice.

Take in the breath of life.

Know that you are ever in the presence of the Holy and Living God.

Go in peace.

Amen.²

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Nancy Lau

Liturgy written/selected by Heather Harriss.

¹Sean Gilbert 2012

²written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith.** <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

³written by Stephen Fearing and posted on Wild and Precious Life. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

Memorial

JERRY STUART
(Carolyn Jones' brother)
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