



THE THIRD SUNDAY *after* THE EPIPHANY

THE LORD'S DAY, 24 January, Anno Domini 2021

Eleven o'clock in the morning | The Sanctuary

C ✦ denotes the People standing, in body or spirit, as able.

The People's responses are printed in **bold**.



SILENT PRAYER of PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Holy God, You have fed us all out of Your generous and gracious hands. From them, we have received welcome, nourishment, hope, and consolation. May these things grow in us, alongside the gift of faith, so that we may plant their seeds in the world around us. Through the Holy Spirit, guide us in the week ahead to remember our place in Your great and ongoing story of resurrection, redemption, and restoration; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREETING

Pastor Stacey Lundy

(You may visit our church website via the link above or our monthly [newsletter](#) for more information on upcoming ministry opportunities.)

PRELUDE

I Surrender All

Joshua Starnes

arr. Jeremy Johnson

✦ CALL to WORSHIP

Blessed be the Name of God from age to age;

Wisdom and power are God's.

God changes the seasons,

and works in history.

God knows what is in the darkness,

and light dwells with Him.

We gather to give thanks and praise,

for giving us wisdom, power, and light.

from Daniel 2.20-22

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

(The Cantor introduces the refrain, then ALL repeat, as indicated.)

*Cantor Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD, of the LORD.*

ALL

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the LORD. —

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD, of the LORD.

*Cantor 1. I will bless the LORD at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
My soul shall glory in the LORD
For God has been good to me.*

*ALL Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD, of the LORD.*

*Cantor 2. Glorify the LORD with me.
Together let us all praise God's Name.
I called the LORD who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.*

*ALL Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD, of the LORD.*

*Cantor 3. Worship the LORD, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the LORD is good;
In God we need put all our trust.*

*ALL Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the LORD, of the LORD.*

*Words and Music: James E. Moore
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✠ PRAYER of LAMENT, CONFESSION, and REPENTANCE (*responsively*)

Bob Johnsen

Let us humbly confess our sins to God and one another:

(a brief period of silence follows for personal confession)

**God who comes to us in love,
we come now in confession and repentance.
You call us to love and serve others,
but we cling to self-interest and small-mindedness.
We pursue our own way and seek to prosper ourselves.
Despite Your generosity and comfort, we are full of complaints.
Despite Your compassion and love for us and all people,
we are full of judgement and fear.
Forgive us, welcome us, and reconcile us
to You and one another, we pray. *Amen.***

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE

God is our light and our salvation.

**In Christ, we no longer walk in darkness or division,
but are called forth to unity and love, to light and life.**

✠ DOXOLOGY

DUKE STREET

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *A-MEN!*

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.

Music: John Hatton, 1793.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Gracious God,
Give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what You have revealed,
and do what You have commanded.
Make us hunger for Your Word,
that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life.
*Amen.***

FIRST LESSON

[Daniel 2.17-23](#)

GOSPEL LESSON

[Luke 22.24-30](#)

... This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

O Church of God, united to serve on common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon His saving Word.

3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of Thee;
And in Thy loving Spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of Thy redeeming Name.

4. May Thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in Thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true Light!

*Words: Frederick B. Morley, 1953; (Acts 2.5-11); © 1954, renewed 1982 The Hymn Society of America.
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864.*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick* and the dead.**

[*living]

**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.**

[**universal]

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION and THANKSGIVING

Following each petition:

...Lord, in Your mercy:
Hear our prayer...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

from Matthew 6.9-13

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.

✠ SENDING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 103

ST. DENIO



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in all life thou
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
liv - est, the true life of all; we blos - som and flour - ish as
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all laud we would ren - der: O



An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; (I Timothy 1.17).

Music: Welsh melody from "Canaidau y Cyssegr," 1839; adapt. John Roberts

✠ BENEDECTION *and* COMMISSION

(Please bow your head and extend your hands to receive the blessing.)

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Joshua Starnes, *organ*

arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)



THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE CHANCEL ARE LOVINGLY GIVEN TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD
IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH "LIBBY" B. BUCK
BY HENRY H. BUCK, JR.



THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

(listed alphabetically)

MS. JEN FOGT *Video Producer*
MR. BOB JOHNSEN *Liturgist*
THE REVEREND STACEY LUNDY *Associate Pastor of Discipleship & Pastoral Care*
MISS REGAN ROAKES *Acolyte*
MR. JOSHUA W. STARNES *Director of Music & Organist*



This Week's Lectionary Readings
(Jan. 24–30)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Genesis 31–32	Genesis 33–34	Genesis 35–36	Genesis 37–38	Genesis 39–41
Luke 22	Luke 23	Psalm 34	Daniel 1–2	Daniel 3–4
		Luke 24		



The ALPHA AND OMEGA Ordinary Time banner reminds us that God is Alpha and Omega: the One who holds our beginning, our present, and our end. The color of Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing a Christian's growth in understanding Jesus, His mission, and the promise of new life. The splendor of creation is on display in the banner. The road winds through; we do not know where it goes, except that God's love spans its entirety.



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