

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### Anathem of the Chancel

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.*

O Christ, who reconciled with your own blood the height with the depth, reconcile, O my Lord, priests and kings, and raise up your Church in your compassion. O merciful Lord, make one standard of faith to rule in all the inhabitable world.

### The Lections

Numbers 11:11-20

Moses said to the LORD, "Why hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? And why have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou dost lay the burden of all this people upon me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I bring them forth, that thou shouldst say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the sucking child, to the land which thou didst swear to give their fathers?' Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me. If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me at once, if I find favor in thy sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

And the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit which is upon you and put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. And say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you

meat, and you shall eat. You shall not eat one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the LORD who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, "Why did we come forth out of Egypt?"

Isaiah 45:18-46:4

For thus says the LORD,  
who created the heavens  
    (he is God!),  
who formed the earth and made it  
    (he established it;  
he did not create it a chaos,  
    he formed it to be inhabited!):  
"I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I did not speak in secret,  
    in a land of darkness;  
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,  
    'Seek me in chaos.'  
I the LORD speak the truth,  
    I declare what is right.  
"Assemble yourselves and come,  
    draw near together,  
    you survivors of the nations!  
They have no knowledge  
    who carry about their wooden idols,  
and keep on praying to a god  
    that cannot save.  
Declare and present your case;  
    let them take counsel together!  
Who told this long ago?  
    Who declared it of old?  
Was it not I, the LORD?  
    And there is no other god besides me,  
a righteous God and a Savior;  
    there is none besides me.  
"Turn to me and be saved,  
    all the ends of the earth!  
    For I am God, and there is no other.  
By myself I have sworn,

from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness  
a word that shall not return:  
'To me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall swear.'  
"Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,  
are righteousness and strength;  
to him shall come and be ashamed,  
all who were incensed against him.  
In the LORD all the offspring of Israel  
shall triumph and glory."  
Bel bows down, Nebo stoops,  
their idols are on beasts and cattle;  
these things you carry are loaded  
as burdens on weary beasts.  
They stoop, they bow down together,  
they cannot save the burden,  
but themselves go into captivity.  
"Hearken to me, O house of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from your birth,  
carried from the womb;  
even to your old age I am He,  
and to gray hairs I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save."

### **The Shuraya**

For I have lifted up my hand to heaven  
And said, As I live for ever,  
I will polish my sword like lightning,  
And my hand will lay hold on judgment;  
I will return recompense to those who hate me,  
And will deliver up my enemies.  
I will make my arrows drunk with blood,  
And my sword shall devour flesh—  
From the blood of the slain and the captives,  
From the crowned head of the enemy.  
Therefore praise his people, O nations.

## The Apostle

Hebrews 3:14-4:10

. . . . . we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end, while it is said,

"Today, when you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Who were they that heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses? And with whom was he provoked forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they should never enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest remains, let us fear lest any of you be judged to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them; but the message which they heard did not benefit them, because it did not meet with faith in the hearers. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall never enter my rest,""

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this place he said,

"They shall never enter my rest."

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he sets a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, when you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later of another day. So then, there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God; for whoever enters God's rest also ceases from his labors as God did from his.

## The Zumara

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament shows forth his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night manifests understanding.

## The Gospel

John 1:29-42

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

## Anthem of the Mysteries

**Text:** Each of them had six wings.

*Great is our Lord, and greatly glorious.*

Great is the mystery which Isaiah saw. Over the holy Altar he saw seraphim without number crying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, for the world is filled with his glory, and the heavens are clothed with his brightness.

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## **Anthem of the Bema**

With thousands of cherubim and ten thousands of seraphim, come, let us make melody together, singing, You are holy, you are holy, you are holy, O holy nature.  
Our mouth is not sufficient to praise you for the exalted gift which you have given us.  
Grant us, O my Lord, that with the watchers we may cry aloud to you and say,  
Hallelujah!

### **Verses:**

Praise the Lord in his Sanctuary.  
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