



January 24, 2021

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

People say or sing words in **bold type**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Christmas Hymn

Paul Tate, arr. John Carter

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Hymnal 550

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal 1982*, after *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria

Berthier

Taize

Refrain

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 LESSONS

FIRST READING

A reading from Jonah 3:1-5, 101

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 62:6-14 *Nome Deo?*

Please read responsively by whole verse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

**7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.**

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.**

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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Thanks be to God.

SONG AT THE GOSPEL

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Hymnal 538

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -
face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry
Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -
tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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 Father, who 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. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: In Jesus you have announced the fulfillment of your time, O God: Give us courage to answer readily the call to follow you, letting nothing in us interfere with the good news of your kingdom, as we offer our prayers and intercessions, saying: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.

God alone is our rock and our salvation: Uphold your Church in your strength, Almighty One, and grant us faithfulness to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all the world.

The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God has come near.

God is our safety and our honor: Put divine trust into the hearts of the leaders of our nation and into the hearts of all in authority, Eternal One, that they may cooperate with your work to build communities of peace throughout the world.

The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God has come near.

Steadfast love is yours, O Gracious One: Look upon the great cities and lonely villages in your creation, and turn us from our wicked ways, that all who suffer may be relieved, and all who work may find satisfaction.

The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God has come near.

God is our strong rock and our refuge: Be present in our community, O Loving One, that the life of your new world may be manifest in this place.

The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God has come near.

Give your steadfast love to those for whom we pray in intercession, especially ____.

Hear our grateful hearts as we thank you for the blessings of your kingdom, especially for ____.

Bring into your fuller presence those who have died, that they may find life within your reign forevermore, especially ____.

The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God has come near.

Presider: Gracious and Loving God, put the urgency of your in-breaking kingdom into our hearts, that we may swiftly follow you to do our part in your work of reconciliation, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have

done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

the Priest, stands and says

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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. 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.

THE OFFERTORY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 BLESSING

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Be alert at all times to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and to follow him in faith and trust.

Let your soul wait in silence and put your hope in the Spirit, for the present form of this world is always passing away.

And the blessing of our trustworthy God, the one Holy and undivided Trinity, be with you and guide you forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants

WLP 782

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your



glad-ness to the wound-ed and op-pressed; help us claim and
 pas-sion shape and guide our min-is-tries; as our Sav-ior
 fruit-less, dawn up-on our rest-less night; give us faith's im-
 mer-cy that our wills and yours u-nite; through us may the
 show God's fa-vor as a peo-ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep-herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag-i-na-tion, hope's re-new-ing, love's de-light.
 world be-hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Short Fantasy in Am

William Baylor