

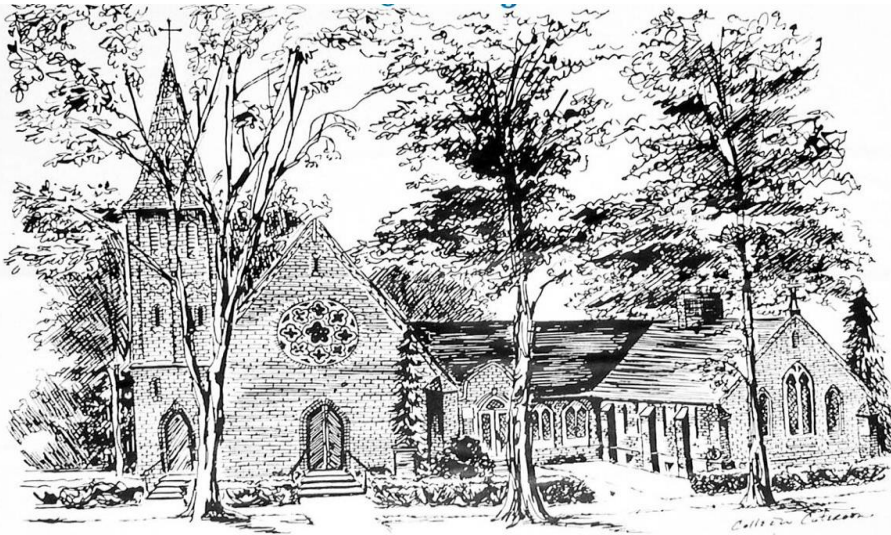
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Service of Morning Prayer

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, Jan. 24, 2020

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM - Online
Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

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SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELL BY ORGAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Joy

by David Paxton

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

THE JUBILATE Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God:*

he himself has made us, and we are his;

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 62:6-14

- 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.

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING - Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE READING - 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Song of the Redeemed Revelation 15:3-4

***O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,*
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,*
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name?****
***for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,*
because your just and holy works have been revealed.***

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

ORGAN MEDITATION *Kyrios Iesus (Jesus is Lord)* by Joe Connolly and Paul Johnson

THE GOSPEL - Mark 1:14-20

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

***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 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The kingdom of God has come near. Let us offer our prayers for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all God's people, saying: Hear us, we pray.

For the Church, called like Jonah, to preach God's word, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that we may listen to God's call and respond in love and faithfulness. **Hear us, we pray.**

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may faithfully announce the Good News by our lives, and draw others to Christ, through deeds of love, and compassionate service. **Hear us, we pray.**

For the healing of our nation, that God will touch the hearts of people everywhere to yearn for new ways to work together for the common good. **Hear us, we pray.**

For the new Administration and Congress, that God will inspire them with insight and understanding as they seek to address the healthcare, economic and safety issues of our society. **Hear us, we pray.**

For all who are ill, particularly those with the Coronavirus, that God will heal the sick, protect the vulnerable, and strengthen all healthcare workers and those who administer the vaccine. **Hear us, we pray.**

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. **Hear us, we pray.**

For those who have died, remembering especially that they may live in the joy of God's kingdom. **Hear us, we pray.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Paul the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers of your people and stir up our souls with longing to embrace your gospel and follow where Jesus leads, that we may do our part in your work of reconciliation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*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 ourselves 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.*

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Terry Kirkland

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Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Catherine Hammons