

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Introit:** *Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3*

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

**praise the name of the LORD!**

Blessèd be the name of the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore!**

The LORD is high above all nations,

**and his glory above the heavens!**

He raises the poor from the dust

**and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

to make them sit with princes,

**with the princes of his people.**

**Glory be 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.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

**Kyrie**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading:** *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel Reading:** *Mark 1:14–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Psalm 62**

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
**from him comes my salvation.**

<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
**my fortress;**

**I shall not be greatly shaken.**

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
**to batter him,**

**like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?**

<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.

**They take pleasure in falsehood.**

They bless with their mouths,

**but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

**for my hope is from him.**

<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,

**my fortress;**

**I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my glory;

**my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;

**pour out your heart before him;**

**God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;

**those of high estate are a delusion;**

in the balances they go up;

**they are together lighter than a breath.**

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;

**set no vain hopes on robbery;**

**if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;

**twice have I heard this:**

that power belongs to God,

<sup>12</sup>**and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.**

For you will render to a man

**according to his work.**

## Sermon "Follow Me!" Mark 1:14-20

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Installation of Congregational Officers

#### Prayer of the Church

**P**...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P**...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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 and ever. Amen.

#### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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