
✧ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✧

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JANUARY 21, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✧ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✧ OPENING HYMN THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY
LBW #290, alt. tune: Beach Spring

✧ INVOCATION & VERSES *from Isaiah 60*

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✧ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: **The glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

WL: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: **Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

✧ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us confess our sins to God. We come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God's grace towards us in Jesus Christ.

All: **God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we have remained passive while others are oppressed; whenever we have guarded our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we have ignored the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than living in the light of righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

WL: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent Jesus into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Together, let us declare the good news of the Gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in Him. Thanks be to God!**

✠ KYRIE

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Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

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Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**All: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

***Blessing and honor and glory and mighty
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

This is the feast of victory for our God

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

JONAH 3:1-5, 10

R: The First lesson for this Third Sunday after Epiphany is from the book of Jonah, chapter 3.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

R: The Epistle is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the seventh chapter.

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

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**All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 1:14-20

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

All: **Glory to your, O Lord!**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

LEAD ME, LORD, I WILL FOLLOW

The cantor will sing the verses. All join on the refrain:

Lead me, Lord. I will follow.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

You have called me. I will answer.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

All: 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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE

Music is printed on the back page

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

REFRAIN **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *REFRAIN***

- 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *REFRAIN***

- 4 You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *REFRAIN***

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: God of blazing light, you have seen us and called us, setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: May the love of God uphold you; the light of ✠ Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
LBW #390, STANZAS 1 & 2

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

REFRAIN **I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *REFRAIN***

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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Lead Me, Lord

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You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.