

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 24, 2021
Morning Prayer

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The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15

WELCOME

#432 \ Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

¹ Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

² As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

³ Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

⁴ In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

⁵ Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895).
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A Reading from the Book of Jonah

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.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 62:6-14 ^{BAS}

- 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 honour; *
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.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

GRADUAL: His salvation is near to those who fear him:
his glory shall dwell in our land.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

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

Congregation: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GRADUAL: His salvation is near to those who fear him:
his glory shall dwell in our land.

HOMILY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation: **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.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ¹⁸

Litanist: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Litanist: For all people in their daily life and work;

Congregation: **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

Litanist: For this community, our country, and the world;

Congregation: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Litanist: For the just and proper use of your creation;

Congregation: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Litanist: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Congregation: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Litanist: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

Congregation: **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Litanist: For †Anne, our archbishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

Congregation: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Litanist: For our own needs and those of others.

[Silence]

Litanist: Hear us, Lord.

Congregation: **For your mercy is great.**

Litanist: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

[Silence]

Litanist: We will exalt you, O God our king;

Congregation: **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Litanist: We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

[Silence]

Litanist: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Congregation: **Who put their trust in you.**

Litanist: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

[Silence]

Litanist: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

Congregation: **in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ²

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Congregation: **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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

433 \ Lord, You Give the Great Commission

¹ Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

² Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

³ Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**