

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 24, 2021 ♦ 9:00 am



GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of peace,
C we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves.
We bring to you all that tears us apart:
discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts.
In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace:
 forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart.
 Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
 in the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins.
 Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C Amen.

HYMN "In Thee is Gladness" (Cantor sings stanzas 1; **ALL SING STANZA 2**)



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my heart.
 2 If he is ours, . . . we fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or death.



By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the true re-deem-er art.
 He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can change them with a breath.



Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly
 Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his glo-ry with heart and voic-es;



has built se-cre-ly and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
 all heav'n re-joic-es in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!



Our hearts are pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
 We shout for glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught us can sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.

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C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

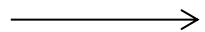
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C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast . . .” (cantor sings verses; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [II] Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☩ Let us pray.
- ☩ **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. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more,

and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When 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.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I 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, ³⁰and 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, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

ALLELUIA VERSE (SUNG BY ALL)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark I:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow

me and I will make you fish for people."¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" Cantor sings verses 1 and 3; **ALL SING STANZA 4)**

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To

sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:

Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where

bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

APOSTLES' CREED

A 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 into hell. 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

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

P Hear us, O God

C Your mercy is great.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Thanks and praise to you, heavenly Father, for the epiphany of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the light shining in the darkness. In his baptism you proclaimed him to be your beloved Son and in him we know your grace and favor. Therefore, with angels and archangels, the saints in heaven and those on earth, we glorify your name, praising you and singing:

SANCTUS (sung by cantor)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



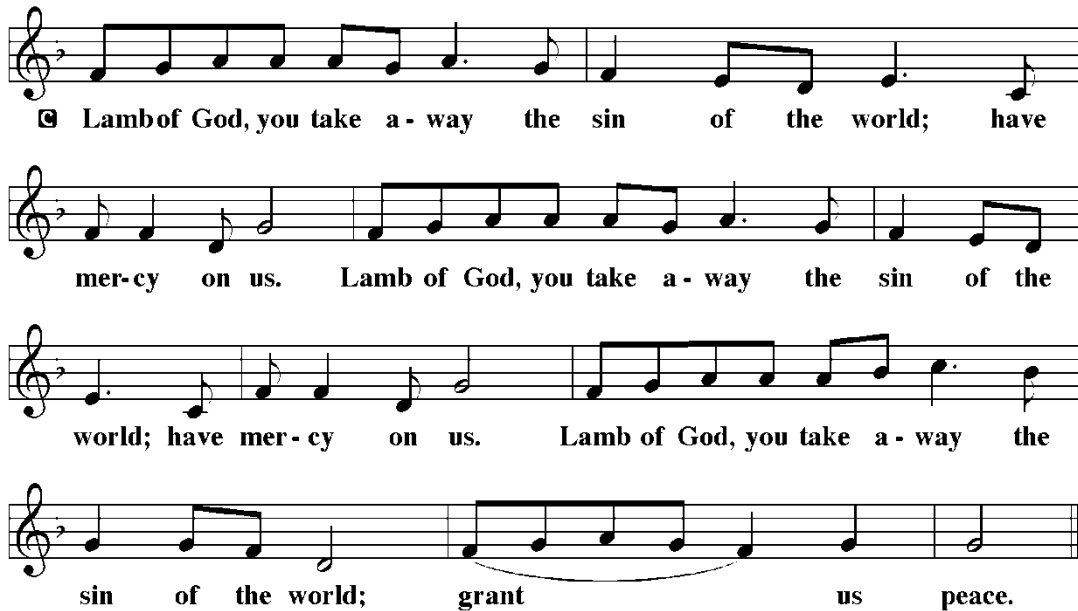
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

AD 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

AGNUS DEI (SUNG BY ALL)



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

EATING AND DRINKING

SONG "Open My Eyes" (Cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2; ALL SING STANZA 3)



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

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2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **We give you thanks, gracious God,**
that you have once again fed us from your very self
with the body and blood of Christ.
Through this mystery, send us forth
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

BLESSING

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**

P Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “I Love To Tell the Story” (Cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

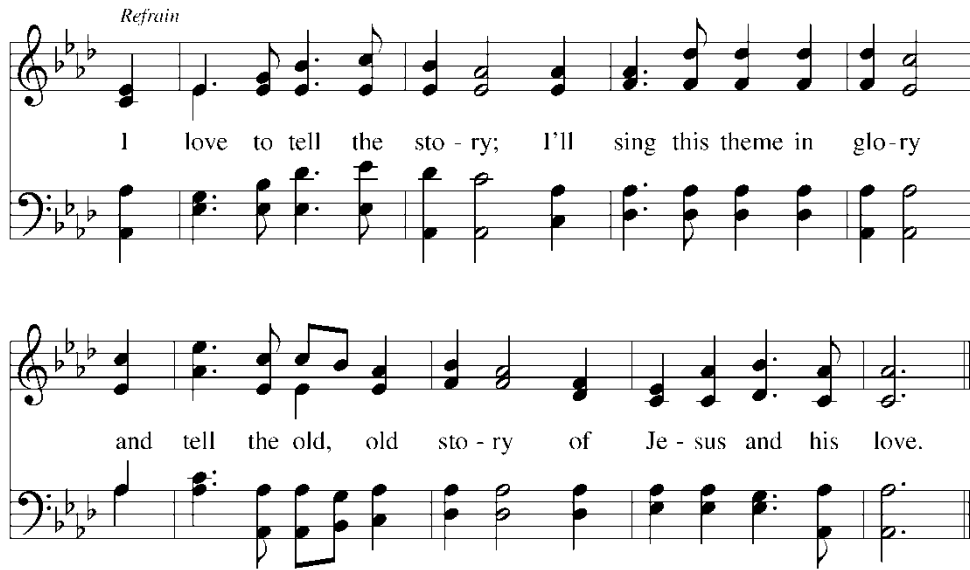


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry
and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings.
You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the church or make your offering online.

We will return to celebrating Holy Communion EVERY SUNDAY.
If you are worshipping at home, you are invited to take a supply of bread and wine cups home with you. We will also deliver supplies to you so you can celebrate with our congregation while you worship with us online.



hats&mittens

We are collecting HATS and MITTENS during January and February.
Slightly used, new and homemade!
There will be a collection spot in the entryway of the church.



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