



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Officiant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Officiant:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**Officiant:** 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 LESSONS**

**The First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**Reader:** 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 Psalm for Today: Psalm 62:6-14**

**Reader:** For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*

*People:* truly, my hope is in him.

**Reader:** He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*

*People:* my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

**Reader:** In God is my safety and my honor; \*

*People:* God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**Reader:** Put your trust in him always, O people, \*

*People:* pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

**Reader:** Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*

*People:* even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**Reader:** On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*

*People:* all of them together.

**Reader:** Put no trust in extortion;

in robbery take no empty pride; \*

*People:* though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**Reader:** God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*

*People:* that power belongs to God.

**Reader:** Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*

*People:* for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

**Reader:** Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM:** "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

**Susan Hollinger**

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

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Mark 1:14-20**

**Officiant:** 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.

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard

NICENE CREED

**Officiant and People:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

**Prayers of the People, Form III**

**Reader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

**Reader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Reader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Reader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Reader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Reader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Reader:** Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Reader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

**(Moment of Silence)**

### **Prayers for those on Our Prayer List**

#### **Prayer for the Nation**

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, we commend our nation to your great mercy. Remind us that we must account to you for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States, and especially their officials and representatives, that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **Prayer for the Church Universal**

**Officiant and People:** Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. May we hold fast to his Baptism by closing the door of hate and opening the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be joyful with clear hearts. May the light of Epiphany lead us as your children to be faithful in shining the light of the Gospel throughout the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **Prayer for the Church of Our Redeemer**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant and People:** Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Officiant and People:** 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 BLESSING

**Officiant:** O God who at the Baptism of Jesus Christ called all people in their Baptism to ministry and mission, grant that we might follow in his footsteps to shine the light of the Gospel into all the world. And may the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love this day and forever more. *Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

**Officiant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: "Precious Lord" by Thomas Dorsey**

**A Media Presentation**

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them  
Bonnie Flippo  
Martin, Kristin & Family  
Tom, Resha & Bennett  
Tom's Co-Workers  
Don & Chris  
Bob Stewart  
Alan White  
Fred & Ginny Warren  
Mary Murray  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula  
Bishop Susan Goff

Kathy  
Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Tyler Gore  
Gwenivere Black  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*