

Liturgy of the Word: Rite Two

(A Service of Ante-Communion)



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Rite II
THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Words

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gloria

(In unison)

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.

Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

(In unison) **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.**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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.

Psalm 62: 6-14

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

- 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 honor; * 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.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

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

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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Nicene Creed

**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.***

Prayers of the People

Reader 1: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
A brief silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader 2: For this community, the nation, and the world. We pray for our President Joe and our Governor Glenn. Fill them with the love of truth, justice, and righteousness.

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

Reader 3: For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Reader 4: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; especially ... Karen, Larry, Rich Curtis & his family, Maurice, Allison, Corona, Stephanie, Gary, Tracey, Mike, Walter & Sue Havens, and Lorin Goodrich. Are there any other names?

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

Reader 5: For the peace and unity of the Church of God: in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for ... Church of South India (United). In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for ... Christ Church in Spotsylvania, St. George's in Arlington, and Trinity Church in Charlottesville.

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader 6: For our Bishops Mark, Gayle and Bud; and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

Reader 7: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

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

Reader 8: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating a birthday this week ... Tim Vaugh and Hannah Johnson ... and anniversaries

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader 9: We pray for all who have died, including ... that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

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

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Declaration of Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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

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.

Epiphany Season Blessing

Presider: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**