

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Morning Prayer Service**  
*January 24, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn – “Seek the Lord”**

*Refrain:*

*Seek the Lord, while He may be found;  
call to Him while he is still near.*

1. Today is the day, and now the proper hour  
to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord.

2. As high as the sky is above the earth,  
so high above our ways, the ways of the Lord.

3. Finding the Lord, let us cling to Him.  
His words, his ways lead us to life.

4. Someday we'll live in the house of God,  
Gaze on His face and praise His name.

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant* 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.**

*The Officiant continues*

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

*All* **Amen.**

### **Invitatory**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*All* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Jubilate (Psalm 100)** *(said responsively by half verse)*

*Officiant* Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*

*All* **serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

*Officiant* Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
*All* **he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Officiant* Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
*All* **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

*Officiant* For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
*All* **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant* The Lord has shown forth his glory.  
*All* **Come let us adore him.**

### **Psalm 62:6-14** *(said responsively by half verse)*

*Officiant* He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
*All* **my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

*Officiant* On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
*All* **my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

*Officiant* Trust in him at all times, O people;  
*All* **pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

*Officiant* Those of low estate are but a breath,  
*All* **those of high estate are a delusion;**

*Officiant* In the balances they go up;  
*All* **they are together lighter than a breath.**

*Officiant* Put no confidence in extortion,  
*All* **and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

*Officiant* Once God has spoken;  
*All* **twice have I heard this**

*Officiant* That power belongs to God,  
*All* **and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* For you repay to all  
*All* **according to their work.**

**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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 10 (said responsively by half verse)**

*Officiant* Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
*All* **call upon him when he draws near.**

*Officiant* Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
*All* **and the evil ones their thoughts;**

*Officiant* And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
*All* **and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

*Officiant* For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
*All* **nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

*Officiant* For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
*All* **so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

*Officiant* For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
*All* **and return not again, but water the earth,**

*Officiant* Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
*All* **seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

*Officiant* So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
*All* **it will not return to me empty;**

*Officiant* But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
*All* **and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**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.

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*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 19** (*said responsively by half verse*)

*Officiant* O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
*All* **surpassing human understanding.**

*Officiant* Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
*All* **O King of all the ages.**

*Officiant* Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
*All* **for you only are the Holy One.**

*Officiant* All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
*All* **because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Gospel ..... Mark 1:14-20**

*Officiant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
*All*             **Glory to you, Lord 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 lake—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*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All*             **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon.....Ginnie Glassman**

**Apostles' Creed**

*All*             **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.**

**The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Officiant and People*)

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages B**

*Officiant* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*All* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant* Day by day we bless you;

*All* **We praise your name for ever.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*All* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*All* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*All* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

**Solo by Matthew Johnson “Shine” ..... by Matt Redman**

### **Collect**

*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.

*All*       **Amen.**

### **Collect for Peace**

*Reader*     O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*       **Amen.**

### **Intercessional Prayer**

*Officiant*   O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*       **Amen.**

### **Intercessory Prayers**

*Officiant*   We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Merna, Sal, and Steve.

*Officiant*   We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of John, Lavinia, Ida, Daniel, Rosetta, Nancy, Katherine, Mary, Orville, Sarah, Ruth, and Carl.



*Officiant* I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

*Officiant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Officiant* O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

*All* Amen.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*All*           **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.