

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 24, 2021**  
**Morning Prayer, Rite 2**

Book of Common Prayer

**GREETING**

**PRELUDE**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* - setting by M. Burkhardt

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.*

~Psalm 43:3 ~

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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*The Officiant says to the people.*

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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*

**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 ABSOLUTION**

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Almighty God have mercy upon 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 you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

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*Officiant:* Lord open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**GLORIA (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 for ever. Amen.**

**ANTIPHON** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
**Come let us adore Him.**

**VENITE** *In Unison*

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness* - Williams/Burkhardt

**PSALM 62:6-14**

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<sup>6</sup> For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.

<sup>7</sup> **He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be  
shaken.**

<sup>8</sup> In God is my safety and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>9</sup> **Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God  
is our refuge.**

<sup>10</sup> Those of high degree are but a fleeting  
breath,  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

<sup>11</sup> **On the scales they are lighter than a  
breath, all of them together.**

<sup>12</sup> Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart  
upon it.

<sup>13</sup> **God has spoken once, twice have I  
heard it, that power belongs to God.**

<sup>14</sup> **Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone according to his  
deeds.**

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

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Come Follow Me* - P. Christiansen

## READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 1:14-20

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.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is Saying to the Church: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 19 ~ *The Song of the Redeemed*

In Unison

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## THE HOMILY

*Fr. M. Alton Plummer*

A TIME OF SILENCE – *A bell will sound three times.*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

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## SUFFRAGES "A"

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## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

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Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

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Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN.**

*Silence*

**AND FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...**

for those who are traveling, especially **Josey** Parker and **Cameron** Klass  
and those with special needs:

**Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Barbara** Beck, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Frances** Garner, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Joe** Koontz, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Will** Holmes, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Brinkley** Johnson, **Anne** King, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Sean** Sullivan, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Bill** Whitehurst, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Prayer - D. Eliot*

**A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

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**DISMISSAL** Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare on "Lyons" - Haydn/Haan*