The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021 10:00 AM Service Holy Communion



Episcopal Church of the GOOD SHEPHERD

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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

Our Sunday services are livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: P Priest D Deacon L Leader C Congregation L Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Larghetto G

G.F. Handel Isabelle Schueler, cellist

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Zion Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

H. 539 vs 1,2

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should fail to know his love and might.

[Refrain: Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.]

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love; tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that all might live above. (Refrain)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray..... 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.

WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:6-14, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20 [Please be seated.]

The First Reading

☐ The First Reading is taken from Jonah, chapter 3...

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.

- The Word of the Lord
- M Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

[Tune: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days]

H.142 vs 1-3

My soul in silence waits for God, I hope in God alone; My rock and health, I shall not be Shaken or overthrown.

In God, my refuge and strong rock My true salvation lies; Pour out your hearts and trust the One In whom our refuge lies.

The great are but a fleeting breath, Trust in the lowly fails; They all are lighter than a breath When tested on the scales.

The Second Reading

☐ The Second Reading is taken from 1 Corinthians, chapter 7...

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.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

- **D** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
- Glory to you, Lord Christ.
- D 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.

- **D** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Christopher Gray

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

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

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

- D As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us, from long ago and until the end of time.
- Wonderful Counselor, we pray for laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons, and all who minister in the name of Christ, that each and every one will hear and heed the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
- Give us strength of heart, mind, body and soul to join you in preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, liberating the oppressed, and announcing that the year of your favor has come to all the earth.
- L Mighty God, we pray for your church. Fill us and all those who worship you with truth and compassion. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where in anything we are amiss, reform us.
- **Where we are in the right, strengthen us; where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us.**

- Everlasting Father, we lift to your heart those who suffer from any grief or trouble, [especially . . . read names from notebook...] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time...]. Empower us, in your name, to give them courage and hope in their troubles.
- Help us to be the answers to their prayers when they cry out to you.
- Liprince of Peace, we joyfully celebrate the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus. We give thanks for the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Emily J. Bowman, given by her family and for the birthdays this week, Gene Belote, Jay Ozbun, CeCe Hopwood, Renee Jacobs, Nancy Hill, Sheila Scott, Gail Griffin, Roe Williams, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Daniel & Lisa Little, Bob & Dottie Bellavance, John & Connie Rieben, and for all the blessings of this life.
- Give us the grace to see your divine presence so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of joy.
- Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- Grant them continual growth in your love and service; and help us in obedience to your will to follow the good examples of the saints who have gone before us.
- L Lord of lords, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.
- **Give them grace, compassion and will to strive for peace and justice, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.**
- L Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....
- Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- L Rejoicing in the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the One who will reign forever and ever.
- ☑ Hallelujah! Lord our God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. **During this time of social distancing,** a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.]

- P The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

D Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

C.H.H. Parry

Julian Guini, soloist

Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand]

D We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- lt is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
- M Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

- After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
- P Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
- Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.
- P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.]

COMMUNION CHANT Where True Charity and Love Abide [Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there: God is dwelling there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P Let us pray...
- Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

 Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may shine your light by proclaiming your love in deed and in truth.

 Amen.

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to have the faith, heart, and hands of Christ in this world, as you go from here blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

"I, the Lord of sea and sky. I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

THE DISMISSAL

- Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude O Zion, Haste Mark Sedio

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant Preacher Michael Durning

Deacon Cindy Roehl

Preacher Christopher Gray Organist Robert Moncrief

Acolyte/Crucifer Pat Cates

Lectors Nancy Fisher & Maureen Belote

Prayers of the People Maureen Belote

Ushers Nancy Fisher & Maureen Belote

Building & Grounds Iris Brookins