

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM Service

January 24, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy God,

You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Jonah 3: 1—5, 10

Pg. 1438

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 62: 5--12

Pg. 898

PS 62:5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

PS 62:6 **He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

PS 62:7 My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

PS 62:8 **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. *Selah***

PS 62:9 Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

PS 62:10 **Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

PS 62:11 One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong,

PS 62:12 **and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.**

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 7: 29--31

Pg. 1779

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering *“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”*
by J. Wayne Kerr

Hymn # 817

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 817

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” st. 1

1. You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name. . .
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come 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

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

L: Let us pray---

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we have first received from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we look with hope for his coming again.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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, forever and ever. Amen



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 674

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share; God (Immanuel) everywhere!

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude